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PARLIAMENT,

Ordinances, Orders, &c.

For providing Maintenance for Ministers,
Heads of Colledges and Halls, in the
Universities of

Oxford and Cambridge:

And other Pious Uses, as also touching
and concerning the Revenue settled by Parliament for
that purpose, and the management thereof,
and for Uniting and Dividing of
Parishes.

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Die Veneris 9 Octob. 1646.

**An Ordinance of Parliament, for the
abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops, within
the Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of
Wales, and for settling of their Lands and
Possessions upon Trustees for the use of the
Common wealth.**



OR the abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops, and providing for the payment of the just and necessary debts of the Kingdom, into which the same hath been drawn by a War, mainly promoted by and in favour of the said Archbishops, and Bishops, and other their Adherents, and Dependents; Be it Ordained, and it is Ordained by the Lords and Commons in

Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same ; That the Name, Title, Stile, and Dignity of **Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop of York, Bishop of Winchester, Bishop of Durham**, and of all other Bishops of any Bishopricks within the Kingdom of **England**, and Dominion of **Wales**, be from and after the fifth day of **September**, in the year of our Lord God, 1646. wholly abolished and taked away, and are hereby abolished and taken away. And all and every person and persons are and be thenceforth disabled to hold the place, function, or stile of **Archbishop, or Bishop of any Church, See, or Diocese**, now established or erected, or hereafter to be established or erected within the Kingdom of **England**, Dominion of **Wales**, or Town of **Berwick**, or to use or put in use any Archiepiscopall or Episcopall Jurisdiction, or Authority, by force of any Letters Patents from the Crown, made or to be made, or by any other Authority whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Ordained, and it is hereby Ordained, That all **Counties Palatine, Honors, Manors, Lordships, Stiles, Circuits, Precincts, Castles, Granges, Messuages, Mils, Lands, Tenements, Meddows, Pastures, Parsonages, appropriate Tithes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, portions of Tithes, Parsonages, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels, Advowsons, Donatives, Nominations, Rights of Patronage and Presentation, Parks, Woods, Rents, Reversions, Services, Ahanuties, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, Immunities, Rights of Action, and of Entry, Interests, Titles of Entry, Conditions, Commons, Courts Leet, and Courts Baron** ; and all other Possessions

The name and
title abolished

The Lands,
possessions, and
evidences of
Bishops, settled
in Trustees.

essions and Hereditaments whatsoever, with all and every of their appurtenances of what nature or quality soever they be, which now are, or at any time within ten years before the beginning of this present Parliament, were belonging to the said Archbishops, or Bishops, Archbishopricks, or Bishopricks, or any of them, which they, or any of them had held and enjoyed in the Right of their Archbishopricks, or Bishopricks, Dignities, Offices, or places respectively, together with all charters, deeds, books, accounts, rolls, and other Writings and Evidences whatsoever, concerning the premises, or any of them, which do belong to any the said Archbishops, or Bishops, Archbishopricks and Bishopricks, are vested, and settled, adjudged and deemed to be, and are hereby in the real and actuall possession and seisin of *Thomas Adams Alderman*, now Lord Major of the City of London, *Sir John Wollaston Knight*, *Sir George Clark Knight*, *John Langham Alderman*, *John Fowke Alderman*, *James Bance Alderman*, *William Gibbes Alderman*, *Samuel Trustees names Avery Alderman*, *Thomas Noel*, *Christopher Pack*, *John Bellamy*, *Edward Hooker*, *Thomas Arnold*, *Richard Glide*, *William Hobson*, *Francis Aſb*, *John Babington*, *Laurence Bromſfield*, *Alexander Ianes*, *John Jones*, *Richard Venner*, *Stephen Eſtwick*, *Robert Mead*, *James Story*; their Heires and Assignes: And that the said *Thomas Adams*, now Lord Major of the City of London, *Sir John Wollaston Knight*, *Sir George Clark Knight*, *John Langham Alderman*, *John Fowke Alderman*, *James Bance Alderman*, *William Gibbes Alderman*, *Samuel Avery Alderman*, *Thomas Noel*, *Christopher Pack*, *John Bellamy*, *Edward Hooker*, *Thomas Arnold*, *Richard Glide*, *William Hobson*, *Francis Aſb*,

Ash, John Babington, Laurence Bromfield, Alexander Jones, John Jones, Richard Venner, Stephen Estwick, Robert Mead, and James Story, and the Survivor and Survivors of them, and their Heirs and Assigns, shall hold all such the premises as are now held of the King, of the King his Heires and Successors, as of his Mannor of East Greenwich in Fee and common socage by Fealty, and the Annual Rents therefore respectively due, and payable within ten years last past, before the beginning of this present Parliament, and not in Capite nor by other Tenures or Services; and shall hold all and every the premises which the said Archbishops, and Bishops, held of any other then of the King, by the Rents, and other Services therefore due, and of right accustomed; And the said Trustees, their Heirs, Assignes, Farmers, and Tenants, shall also have, hold, and enjoy the premises, and every of them freed, acquitted and discharged of, and from the payment of Tithes, as fully as the said Archbishops, and Bishops did hold and enjoy, or ought to hold and enjoy the same at any time, during the space of ten years aforementioned, or any time since.

And the Lands held of other Lords, to be helden by the Rents and Services accustomed.

And discharged of Tithes.

The Trustees to name Surveyors.

To put the Deeds in safe custody.

point; And the said Trustees, or any three or more of them, as aforesaid, are hereby authorised and required to administer an Oath unto all and every the Surveyors, who shall take the same before he shall execute the said place, in these words, *viz.*

I A. B. do swear, that I will faithfully and truly, according to my best skill and knowledge execute the place of a Surveyor, according to the purport of an Ordinance, entitled, An Ordinance of Parliament for the abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops within the Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, and for settling of their Lands and possessions upon Trustees, for the use of the Commonwealth. I shall use my best endeavour and skill to discover the estates therein mentioned, and every part thereof, which shall be given me in charge, and to find out the true values and improvements thereof, and thereof shall make true particulars, according to my best skill and cunning; and the same from time to time to deliver in writing close sealed up unto the said Trustees, or any two of them, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Ordinance; and this I shall justly and faithfully execute, without any gift or reward, directly or indirectly, from any person or persons whatsoever.

Nevertheless it is declared and ordained, that the said persons before named, their Heirs and Assigns shall have and hold the premises and every of them subject to such trusts and confidence as both Houses of Parliament shall appoint, and declare and dispose of the same, and the rents and profits thereof, as the said Houses shall order and appoint; wherein the Lords and Commons do declare, That due respect shall be had towards such persons and their Assigns, as are interested in the premises by virtue of any demise

The Surveyors
Oath.

The Trust.

Due respect to
Tenants.

Leases not exceeding three lives, or 21. years, whereupon the old rent is reserved, are not to be avoided.

heretofore made; Provided that the said Trustees, their Heirs or Assigns shall not avoid any Leases made for any Term or estate, not exceeding three lives, or one and twenty years in possession, or in such manner as that together with the Lease in being shall not exceed three lives, or one and twenty years, so as the old and accustomed rent and rents, or so much rent and rents, as the ancient and accustomed rent amounteth unto, be reserved payable during the said voidable Term and Terms or estates, and so as the said Leases have not been procured or purchased of any Bishop, since the first of *December, Anno Domini, 1641.* And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that if any Archbishop, or Bishop, have at any time since the first day of *December, Anno Domini, 1641.* made any grant or lease to any person or persons, body politique or corporate, of any the Honors, Manners, Lordships, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any other the premises aforesaid, or any of them in right of their Archbishopricks or Bishopricks, the same grant or lease shall be utterly void and of none effect, and the person or persons, body Politique or Corporate, unto whom the same was made, shall have no benefit thereby; Provided and be it ordained, and it is hereby ordained, That if any person or persons, body Politique or Corporate, at any time or times since the first day of *December,* in the year of our Lord God, 1641. who had any grant or lease for one or more, life, or lives, or any number of years of the premises, or any part thereof, as is aforesaid, and surrendered the same, to the end, that he or they might have a new grant or lease granted or made unto him

Leases made since the first of December 1641. by Bishops to be void.

or

or them ; which by this present Ordinance is made void, and the same was accordingly granted or made unto him or them ; That the said person or persons, body Politique or Corporate, who hath surrendered any such former grant or lease, his and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have, hold, possess, and enjoy such time and term

Those that have surrendered their old, since Decemb. 1641. shall enjoy their old Leas- ses.

as he or they had in any part of the said premises by virtue of any such former grant or lease, in such sort and manner as he or they should have, had, held, and enjoyed the same, if no such surrender had been made subject nevertheless to such payments of rents and other services, and such covenants, conditions, and agreements as in the said former Grants or Leases were expressed and contained, saving unto all and every person and persons, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, bodies politique and corporate, and their successors, other then the King, his Heirs and Successors, all Archbishops, and Bishops, and other then the founders and donors as founders and donors of and to the said Archbischopricks, and Bishopricks, and their Heirs, all such right, title, interest, possession, rights in Law, or equity, entries, annuities, commodities, fees, and other profits which they or any of them before the said first day of *Decem. 1641.* ought lawfully to have had in, or to the premises, or any part or parcel thereof, as if this Ordinance had never been had or made ; also saving to all such person or persons as have adhered to the Parliament, all such estate as he or they since the first of *May, Anno Domini, 1641.* have forfeited or made forfeitable for non-payment of Rent, or not performing of services to any Bishop or Bishops, except it be in the case of

Saving the right of all per- sons other then the King and Bishops.

Saving to such persons as have adhered to the Parliament such estates as they have forfeited for non-pay- ment of rent.

Duresme-houſe.
 a Lease made utterly void by this Ordinance, by rea-
 son the same hath been procured or purchased of any
 Bishop since the aforesaid first day of *December, Anno*
Domini, 1641. and likewise saving to *Philip Earl of*
Pembroke, and Mountgomery, and his Heirs, all such
 rights as he and they have to the Messuage called
Duresme Houſe, and certain Stables, late of the pos-
 sessions of *Thomas Bishop of Duresme,* ſituate in the
 Parish of *St. Martins in the Fields,* in the County of
Middlesex, lately granted by Act of this present Par-
 liament; this preſent Ordinance, or any thing there-
 in contained in any wife notwithstanding: Provided
 also, and it it is hereby further ordained by the au-
 thority aforesaid, that all and singular Revenues,
 Rents, Issues, Fees, Profits, ſums of Money, and al-
 lowances whatſoever, as have heretofore been, and
 now ought to be paid, diſpoſed and allowed unto,
 and for the maintenance of any Grammer-school, or
 Schollers, or for or toward the reparation of any
 Church, or Chappel, High-way, Cause-way, Brid-
 ges, School-houſe, Almes-houſe, or any other cha-
 ritable or pious use, or for maintaining of any Lecture
 or Preachers payable out of any the Premiſes, or
 which are chargeable, or ought to iſſue out of, or to
 be paid for, or in respect of the ſaid premiſes, or any
 of them, ſhall be and continue to be paid and allow-
 ed as they were, and have been heretofore, any thing
 in this preſent Ordinance to the contrary in any wife
 notwithstanding. And it is further Ordained, that

Rents payable
to charitable
uses to be con-
tinued.
 the Sheriff of every County and place, who is to at-
 tend the reſpective Courts where any Felony is to be
 tryed and determined, ſhall provide and preſent to
 the Judge or Judges of ſuch Courts, ſome able and
 fit

fit person to do such things as by the office of the Ordinary have been used to be done; which person and persons shall have authority, and are hereby enjoined to perform that service in such manner as the respective Ordinaries heretofore have used to do. Provided also, that all Commissions upon the Statute of charitable uses, shall be valid, though the Bishop be therein omitted, and the other Commissioners shall proceed therein as fully, as they might have heretofore done, when the Bishop was therein named; and that all Issues tryable by the Ordinary or Bishop shall be tryed by Jury in usual course.

Commissions
upon the Sta-
tute of Charita-
ble uses.

*Ioh. Brown Cleric. Parliamentorum.
H. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

Die Læna Novemb. 16. 1646.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for appointing the sale of the Bishops Lands for the use of the *Common-wealth*.

Recital of the
first Ordinance.

W Hereas by an Ordinance of the Lords and Commons made the ninth of Octo-ber, one thousand six hundred forty six, the Name, Title, Stile, and Dignity of Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Archbishop of *Tork*, Bishop of *Winchester*, Bishop of *Duresme*, and of all other Bishops of any Bishopricks within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, from the fifth of *September*, one thousand six hundred forty six, is wholly abolished and taken away, and all and every person and persons are disabled to hold the place, function, or stile of Archbishop or Bishop of any Church, Sea, or Diocefs, within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, by any authoritiy whatsoever; And all Counties Palatine, Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and other the premises in the said Ordinance mentioned, were and are vested and settled, adjudged, and deemed to be in the real and actual possession and seisin of *Thomas Adams* Alderman, then Lord Major of the City of *London*, *Sir John Wollaston* Knight, *Sir George Clark* Knight, *John Langham* Alderman, *John Fowke* Alderman, *James Bunce* Alderman, *William*

William Gibbes Alderman, Samuel Avery Alderman, Thomas Noel, Christopher Pack, John Bellamy, Edward Hooker, Thomas Arnold, Richard Glide, William Hobson, Francis Ash, John Babington, Laurence Bromfield, Alexander Jones, John Jones, Richard Venner, Stephen Estwick, Robert Mead, and James Story; their Heires and Assigns; upon trust and confidence that the said persons before named, their heirs and assigns, shall have and hold the premises, and every of them, subject to such trust and confidence as both houses of Parliament should appoint, declare, and dispose of the same, and the rents and profits thereof, as the said houses should order and appoint. And whereas the said Lords and Commons the thirteenth of October, one thousand six hundred forty six, have declared they intending to raise the sum of two hundred thousand pounds for the present service of the State, that for the encouragement of such who shall advance any sum, for, and towards the same, and to the intent they might have notice thereof, that every person who hath advanced any Money, Plate, or Horses, with their Furniture, and Arms, upon the publique Faith, may for every sum of money he shall further lend for the advancement of the said sum, be secured a like sum more out of the Receipt of the Grand Excise in course, and the sale of the Bishops Lands, (except Advowsons and Impropriations) which shall first happen, together with all the interest after the rate of 8l. per cent. per annum, to be paid every six months out of the Receipts of the Excise, till principal and interest be fully discharged; as for example, if there be owing to any person a hundred pounds principal, which with interest due thereupon

Recital of the Declaration.

for three years past, will make a hundred twenty four pounds, he adventuring a hundred twenty four pounds more, may be secured for the whole two hundred forty eight pounds, as aforesaid, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser sum, and according to the Interest due thereupon: And for the more speedy reimbursing of the said money secured and lent, for the purpose aforesaid, that the said Lands of the Bishops (except before excepted) are estated and made over to such Feoffees for the speedy sale thereof, and such Treasurers for the receipt of the moneys, as may give satisfaction to the lenders. And have thereby further declared, that it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to assign his right and interest in any sum or sums of money owing to him upon the publique faith as aforesaid, to any person or persons that shall advance the like sum in manner as is before expressed. And therefore for and towards the satisfying of the said two hundred thousand pounds to be raised, or so much thereof as shall be raised; and of such money as according to the said Declaration the said lenders are to be repaid for Money, Plate, Horses, with their furniture and arms advanced upon the publique faith, with Interest for the same, after the rate aforesaid, The said Lords and Commons have declared and ordained, and do hereby declare and ordain; That the said *Thomas Adams* and other the persons before named, and the Survivors, and Survivor of them, and the Heirs of the Survivor of them shall stand and be seized of all and singular the said premises so vested and settled in them, their Heirs and Assigns (except Parsonages appropriate, Tithes, Tithes appropriate, oblations,

The Trustees
to stand seized
and receive
the rents and
profits of the
Bishops lands
due after the
first of Novem-
ber, 1646.

obventions, portions of Tithe, Parsonages, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels, Advowsons, Donatives, Nominatives, Rights of Patronage and Presentation) and shall take all the Rents, Revenues, Issues and Profit, which were due and payable after the first of November, one thousand six hundred forty six, notwithstanding any Sequestration of the same, and all other the Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits, that shall at any time hereafter become due and payable for the said premises or any part of them, until sale shall be made of the same to the uses and intents, and purposes herein, and hereafter declared: And be it Ordained, That the said Trustees, or the major part of them, shall have Power and Authority, and are hereby Authorised, to take into their Assistance such Counsel Learned, and to appoint such Stewards of Manors, and all other Officers, and persons as they or the major part of them shall hold fit and necessary for the putting of this Ordinance in Execution, and to give such Fees, and make such allowance to the said Council, Stewards of Manors, Officers and persons as they shall hold fit and necessary. And to make Warrants to the Treasurers for the payment of the same, who are hereby required to pay the same accordingly, until Sale shall be made of the premises, to the uses, intents, and purposes herein, and hereafter declared as aforesaid; That is to say, that out of the Money raised by the Sale of the said premises, or any part of them that shall be sold, and out of the said Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits of the said premises, or any part of them there shall be paid and satisfied the several sums of Money, with Interest at the rate aforesaid, that by this present Or-

The Trustees
to choose their
Counsel and
appoint Stew-
ards of Man-
ors and other
Officers and
persons who
are to be paid
by the Treasu-
ters until the
moneys paya-
ble by this O-
dinance be
paid with all
charges.

dinance are, or are intended to be paid and satisfied, together with all Charges to be paid or born, for or by reason of the Execution of the trust in them reposed; and after the ful and due payment of the same, that they, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators respectively, shall stand seized and possessed of such of the said Counties Palatine, Honors, Mannors, Lands, and Premises remaining unsold. And of the Moneys raised by Sale of the Premises or of any part of them remaining undisposed, for the use and benefit of the Common-wealth, as shall be limited and appointed by both Houses of Parliament: And be it also Ordered and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That *John Blackwell* senior of *Moreclack*, in the County of *Surrey* Esquire, *Sir William Roberts of Wesden*, in the County of *Middlesex* Knight, Alderman *Vynner*, Colonel *Richard Turner*, *James Russel*, *William Metbold*, *Thomas Ayres* of *London* Esquire, *William Prynne* of *Lincolns Inne* Esquire; *Robert Fenwick* of *London* Esquire, *Timothy Middleton* of *Standsteed* in the County of *Essex* Esquire, *Edward Cresset* of *London* Esquire, shall have full Power & Authority, and hereby have full Power and Authority to treat, contract, and agree with any person or persons, for the sale of the said Premises, or any of them in such manner as is hereafter limited. And that the said *John Blackwel*, and other the said persons last before named, shall receive of the Treasurers herein named, two pence in the pound for every sum that shall be paid to the said Treasurers, upon all and every such Contract and Contracts, for the Sale of the premises or any part thereof. And that the said Trustees or any five of them shall have full power,

The Contractors.

2 d. per pound
to be paid to
the contractors.

and

and are hereby required to convey the premises, or any part thereof, by bargain and sale Inrolled, according to the Statute, or otherwise by any good and sufficient conveyance and Assurance in the Law, to any person or persons whatsoever, according to such Contract or Contracts as shall be made by the said Contractors, or any six or more of them, and entered and certified to the said Trustees as aforesaid, by the Register herein, or hereafter to be named by both Houses of Parliament: And the money that shall be raised by the sale thereof, to be employed according to the trusts and directions herein declared. And that all Bargains of sale, conveyances, and assurances made of any Estate, or Estates, in Fee simple, according to such contracts as shall be agreed upon between the purchasers, and the said Contractors before named, shall be good and effectual in Law.

And be it likewise Ordained, that none of the said Trustees shall be Contractors, nor none of the Contractors, nor any of them, nor any other to their or either of their use, or uses, or in trust for them, or any of them, directly, or indirectly, shall or do purchase the said Lands or any part of them; And if any Contractors or any in trust for them, or any of them shall buy any Lands contrary to this Ordinance, he or they shall forfeit the estate

and money paid so for it. And every purchaser of any part of the premises, his Heirs and Assigns shall have, hold, and enjoy the premises that shall be by him purchased, discharged of all trusts and accompts, whereunto the said Trustees are, or may be lyable by virtue of this present or the said recited Ordinance. And of all Suits and Questions that may arise or be

The Trustees or five of them to convey according to contract of six or more of the Contractors entered and certified to the Trustees.

None of the Trustees to be Contractors.

None of the Contractors to be purchasers.

The purchasers to hold the lands discharged of all trusts, accompts, &c.

Incumbrances
made by the
Trustees.

The Trustees
and Contra-
ctors to be sa-
ved harmless,
and may plead
the general issue
and give in
evidence this
Ordinance.

The land shall
be freed from
all incumbran-
ces done by the
Trustees.

moved upon pretence of sale at under values, or upon pretence that the sums by this Ordinance intended to be paid, were satisfied, before such sale made, and all other claims and demands whatsoever, saving the Rents and Interests saved by the said recited Ordinance, and of all incumbrances made by the said Trustees, or by any claiming under them, or any of them; And for the discharge of the Trustees and Contractors. It is further Declared and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That all and every the said Trustees and Contractors shall be, and are hereby discharged and saved harmless for whatsoever they, or any one, or more of them shall do in pursuance of this Ordinance; And that if any action shall be brought against them, or any of them, for any act done by them, or any of them, in execution of this Ordinance, or instructions herein mentioned, then they are hereby unable to plead the general issue, and to give this Ordinance in evidence, and if a judgment pass for them, they shall recover double costs: And it is further ordained and declared, That the said Lordships, Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments vested in the said Trustees by the said Ordinance of Parliament, entitled (*An Ordinance of Parliament for the abolishing of Archbishops, and Bishops, within the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and for settling of their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees, for the use of the Common-wealth*) shall not be liable unto, but stand and shall be free and discharged of, and from all and all manner of Statutes, Judgements, Recognizances, Dowres, Jointures and other acts and incumbrances whatsoever, had, made, done, or suffered, or to be had, made, done, or suffered,

by

by, from or under the said Trustees, other then such conveyances and assurances, as shall be by them had, made, done, or suffered in performance, or pursuance of the sales, and contacts to be by them respectively made according to the intent of this present Ordinance, and saving unto all and every person and persons, bodies Politique and Corporate, their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, all such right, title and interest as by the said Ordinance entitled (*An Ordinance of Parliament for the abolishing of Archbishops, and Bishops within the Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, and for settling of their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees for the use of the Common-wealth*) is or are thereby saved.

Saving to all persons their right which are saved by the former Ordinance.

Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, and for settling of their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees for the use of the Common-wealth) is or are thereby saved.

Provided, and it is further declared and ordained;

That whereas the late Bishop of Durham and other his predecessors Bishops of Durham have hitherto exercised, and enjoyed as Count Palatines sundry great Franchises, Liberties, and Jurisdictions, commonly esteemed and called *Iura Regalia*, that this Ordinance, nor any thing therein contained, extend not,

Provided that the *Iura Regalia* of the Bishoprick of Durham shall remain in the Trustees.

nor be construed to extend, to give power, or authority to the persons herein named, or any of them to sell, dispose, or any way to contract for the said *Iura Regalia*, belonging unto the said Bishop, or his predecessors as Counts Palatine, or any of them; but

that the same shall remain in the said Trustees named in a late Ordinance entituled, *An Ordinance for the Abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops within the Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, and for settling their Lands and possessions upon Trustees for the use of the Common-wealth*) to be disposed of as both Houses of

Parliament shall think fit and appoint, any thing in

Proviso for the *Iura Regalia* of the Bishoprick of Ely.

this present Ordinance to the contrary thereof contained in any wise notwithstanding. Provided al-

ways, and it is further declared and ordained, That whereas the late Bishop of Ely, and other his predecessors Bishops of Ely, have hitherto exercised and enjoyed sundry great Franchises, Liberties, and Jurisdictions commonly called *Iura Regalia*, that this Ordinance nor any thing therein contained, extend not, nor be construed to extend to give power or authority to the persons herein named, or any of them to sell, dispose, or any way to contract for the said *Iura Regalia*, belonging to the said Bishop or his predecessors or any of them, but that the same shall remain in the said Trustees named in a late Ordinance entituled *An Ordinance for the abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops within the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and for settling their Lands, and Possessions upon Trustees for the use of the Commonwealth*) to be disposed of as both Houses of Parliament shal think fit and appoint, any thing in this present Ordinance to the contrary thereof contained in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, That the buildings, fabrick, or scite of any Cathedral Church or Churches, or any Chapels, belonging to such Cathedral Church or Chapels, or any other Churches, Churchyards, or places used for burial, shall not be sold or disposed of by vertue of this Ordinance, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided

Churches,
Chappels, and
Churchyards
not to be sold.

Proviso for
payment of the
Assembly of
Divines until
&c.

always that the Trustees, and the Treasurers for the time being, by vertue of this Ordinance, shall pay, or cause to be paid unto the assembly of Divines their constant pay and allowance allowed unto them by former Orders of Parliament, with all their Arrears,

rears, out of the Rents, Revenues, and Profits belonging to the late Archbishoprick of *Canterbury*, until such time as the Lands and Revenues aforesaid, shall happen to be sold away by vertue of this Ordinance. And it is further Ordained, That if any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, who shall be purchasers of any part of the premises, shall hereafter be evicted out of any part of the premises, by vertue of an eigne, right, title, or interest in, or unto the same; that in such case the said purchaser and purchasers so evicted shall have full and due satisfaction, recompence and allowance made to him and them for the monies paid or advanced for the said purchase, and that in such manner as both Houses of Parliament shall think fit. And if it be required by the purchaser or purchasers or any of them, their, or any of their Heirs or Assigns, one or more Acts of Parliament, or Letters Patents under the great Seal of *England*, by authority of Parliament shall hereafter passe or be made for the further assuring of the premises, or any part of them unto such purchaser, or purchasers, their Heirs or Assigns requiring the same.

And be it further Ordained, That all Rents, Revenues, Issues, and profits, and all sum and sums of money that shall be due or payable by vertue of this present Ordinance for sale of any of the premises, shall be received by the said *William Gibbs* The Treasurers named. *Alderman*, *Thomas Noel*, and *Francis Ash*, who are hereby constituted, authorized, and appointed to be Treasurers for the receiving, issuing and paying out the same at Goldsmiths-Hall, or any other place where the Trustees, or the major part of them shall

Allowance to
be made to
suchas shall be
evicted by any
eigne, right, &c.

Act of Parlia-
ment & r fur-
ther assuring of
Purchasers.

from time to time think fit, within the City of London, and are hereby authorized and appointed to take and receive the subscriptions of every person, or persons, bodies politique or corporate, that shall subscribe any sum or sums of money, for, and towards the raising of the said two hundred thousand

The Treasurers upon Certificate to ascertain the money and interest upon the publique faith

from time to time think fit, within the City of London, and are hereby authorized and appointed to take and receive the subscriptions of every person, or persons, bodies politique or corporate, that shall subscribe any sum or sums of money, for, and towards the raising of the said two hundred thousand pounds intended to be lent. And it is hereby ordain'd, That the said Treasurers, or any two of them, shall be, and are hereby authorised, upon the Receipt or Certificates given by the said Treasurers, Receivers, or Collectors to any person or persons of what was formerly advanced by them in money, plate, horse, furniture, or arms, upon the publique Faith, or hath, or shall be assigned unto them by any others, upon producing of the same to the said Treasurers or any two of them, to ascertain their principal and interest, and to give them Receipts for the same: As also for the new money subscribed and paid by virtue of this present Ordinance, in the name of the parties to whom the same is owing, or so assigned, which Receipts given by the said Treasurers, shall be a good and sufficient ground to such persons to whom the same shall be so given, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to require the sum and sums of money therein mentioned: And further that it shall and may be lawful for every person and persons, bodies politique or corporate, who shall have any monies due to him or them by virtue of this present Ordinance, to grant and assign the same unto any person or persons whatsoever, and the same grant or assignment shall be good and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and allowed of by all persons and persons whatsoever, to whom it shall appertain.

And to give receipt for the same and their new money.

Moneys due by this Ordinance may be assign'd.

tain to make any allowance thereof, as if he or they had let the same themselves.

And if any person or persons shall wittingly or willingly produce any false or forged Acquittance, or Certificate to the said Treasurers, thereby to defraud the Common-wealth; the person or persons so offending, shall loose and forfeit his money lent towards the raising of the two hundred thousand pounds, or any way due to him for ready money, plate, horses, furniture and arms, lent, or sent in by him upon the publique Faith, or assigned unto him as aforesaid, the benefit whereof shall be for the use and benefit of the Common-wealth.

And be it further Ordered and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That every person or persons who shall subscribe as aforesaid, and not bring in the money so by him or them subscribed, within eight dayes after such subscription unto the Treasurers appointed by this present Ordinance for the Receipt of the same, shall lose and forfeit the money that shall be due unto him upon the publique Faith; unless he shall shew unto the said Trustees, or the major part of them, some reasonable cause to be by them allowed.

And be it further Ordained, That the said Treasurers hereby constituted and appointed for the receiving and issuing out of the said money, shall not issue or pay out any of the said sum of two hundred thousand pounds to be borrowed for the use of the Common-wealth, as aforesaid, but by Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament: which Ordinance, with the Receipt of the party or parties to whom the money is appointed to be paid, shall be a good and sufficient

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Parliament.

The Treasurers
to pay no other
monies but by
order of the
Trustees.

discharge to the said Treasurers, their Heirs, Executors and Administrators; and the said Treasurers shall not dispose, disburse, or pay any other sum or sums of money, that shall come to their treasury, or be paid unto them out of the Profits, or by sale of any of the premises, but by Warrant of the said other Trustees or the major part of them; who are hereby required to give no Warrant for the disposing, issuing, or paying out of any sum or sums of money, that shall be received by virtue of this Ordinance, but for the purposes in this Ordinance contained. And if any warrant shall be made for any other purpose, the same shall be void.

The Lenders
are to be paid
the fourth part
of their money,
in course, &c.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, That as the said Treasurers shall receive ready monies by sale of the premises, or by receipt of the Rents and profits of the same, deducting charges and allowances, they shall pay and divide the same to the lenders one fourth part of their whole debt that shall be owing to them in course, as they did pay their money, with the interest then due, and so from time to time, till the whole be paid: Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that it shall and may be lawful for every lender or lenders, who shall become a purchaser of any part of the said premises, to defalk or retain any money that shall be due unto him by virtue of this present Ordinance, upon every purchase that he or they shall make, if the sum by him lent shall not exceed the value of the purchase, or so much thereof as the same shall amount unto, And the said Treasurers shall allow the same accordingly.

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And be it further Ordained, That the said Treasurers

surers shall keep true and perfect Books of Accounts of all their Receipts, Disbursements and Payments; and shall give their Accounts to the Committee for taking the Accounts of the whole Kingdom for the time being; who are hereby required to take the same every six months, and thereupon to give just discharges to the said Treasurers, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall not be further questioned for, or concerning any of the matters for which they had, and received such discharge.

The Treasurers
to give accounts
to the Committee
of accomps.

And further, the said Treasurers shall have deducted and paid unto them the sum of one penny in the pound, for all monies by them received and paid.

One penny per
pound to the
Treasurers.

And to the intent that according to the true meaning of the said first recited Ordinance, the true contents and value of all and singular the premises may be known, and the best benefit and advantage of them may be made for the use and benefit of the Common-wealth: Be it Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That *Hen. Elsyng* Esquire, Clerk of the House of Commons, shall be Register and Keeper of, and shall have the custody and keeping of all Records, Charters, Evidences, Court-Rolls, Leiger-books, Writings, Books of Survey, Rentals, Certificates, and other things of, or concerning the Lands and Possessions of the late Archbishops and Bishops, or concerning any the Counties-Palatine, Honors, Mannors, Castles, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the premises in the above recited Ordinance and herein mentioned. And that all and every the Surveyors of the premises shall make their returns of all and every their respective

Keeper of the
records.

Surveyors to
make their re-
turns to the
said Offices.
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Surveys by them taken from time to time, to the said *Henry Elſyng*, who shall make entry of all such Surveys, Certificates, and other proceedings, as shall from time to time be returned or certified by the said Surveyor, or Surveyors of the premises; And shall also make forth, Rate and signe all and every particular and particulars of the premises, or any part thereof, whereupon any Contract or Contracts for sale or otherwise shall, or is to be had or made. And all and every the said Contractors shall certifie all Contracts so by them, or any of them made, to the said *Henry Elſyng*, accordingly, who shall make entry of all and every such Contract and Contracts, and other proceedings thereupon: Every which said particular and particulars of the premises so to be made forth under the hand of the said *Henry Elſyng*, shall be from time to time a good and sufficient Authority to and for the said Contractors, or any six or more of them, to contract, agree, or proceed thereupon. To have, hold, execute and enjoy the the said Office or place of Register and Keeper, by himself, or his sufficient Deputy, together with the yearly Fee of one hundred pounds *per annum*, payable out of the Receipts, Rents, and Revenues arising out of the premises by the hands of the Treasurers herein before mentioned; on the five and twentieth day of *March*, the four and twentieth day of *June*, the nine and twentieth day of *September*, and the five and twentieth day of *December*, Quarterly, by equal portions, and other reasonable Fees for writing, rating, and signing of the said particulars, and otherwise in the execution and discharge of the said place; Provided that the said Register and Keeper shall have but

And the Contractors of their Contracts.

The Registers Fees.

but three pence the sheet of all that is to be copied, and to write fifteen lines in each sheet. Which said yearly Fee of one hundred pounds, the said Treasurers are hereby required and authorized to pay accordingly ; and that the Acquittance of the said *Henry Elsing*, shall be a good discharge to the said Treasurers, and every of them, for the payment thereof, as aforesaid.

And it is hereby further Ordered and Ordained Surveyors to be nominated by the Trustees, that the said Trustees, or the major part of them, the Survivors of them, or the major part of them, their Survivors, and the heirs of the said Survivors, shall and may from time to time nominate and appoint under their hands and seals respectively, so many persons as they shall think fit, to be Surveyors for the putting of this Ordinance in execution touching the Surveying of the premisses ; Who shall have power to go into all and every the Counties, Cities, and Places within the Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, or into so many of them as shall be thought fit.

And it is further Ordained by the Authority The Surveyors Aucthority. aforesaid, That the said Surveyors, or other persons to be authorized as aforesaid, or any three or more of them, shall have full power and authority to enter into, and survey all, or any of the premisses, or any part thereof ; and they, or any three, or more of them, shall also have full power and authority, as well by the Oaths of good and lawful men, as by all other good and lawful ways and means, to enquire and find out what County Palatine, Honours, Mannors, Lordships, Granges, &c. first to find out &c.

Any 1, 2, 3, or
more of them
faith the In-
structions.

Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Leasaws, Pastures, Woods, Rents, Reversions, Services, Parks, Annuities, and other Possessions, Priviledges, Liberties, Immunities, and Hereditaments whatsoever, of what nature or quality soever

In any City or
Country.

2. How much is
in possession.

they be, lying or being within every such County or City as aforesaid, did at any time belong or appertain unto all, every, or any such Archbishops, or Bishops, in right of Archbishopricks, Bishopricks, Dignities or Places respectively, or to any other person or persons in trust for them, or any of them as aforesaid, in right of the said Archbishopricks, and Bishopricks, and what, and how much of the same is in possession, and the true yearly value thereof, and what, and how much thereof is in Lease, and for what estate, and when, and how determinable; when such Leases or Estate was made, and whether anticated, and what Rents, Services, and other Duties are reserved and payable during such Estate,

3. What Rents,

or issuing out of the same; As also, what Rents, Pensions, Charges, or other Sums of Money are issuing, due, or payable out of the Premisses, or any part thereof; And what lands or premisses are subject or chargeable to an with any good, pious, and charitable use or uses, and the certainty of the same, and to make one or more exact and particular sur-

4. What pious
uses.

5. To make an
exact Survey.

vey or surveys, and certificates of their proceedings, which certificate and surveys shall be recorded, and all Charters, Evidences, Court-Rolls, and other Writings belonging to all, or any the Archbishops, Bishops, Archbishopricks, Bishopricks, or concerning any of the Counties Palatine, Honours, Manours,

nours, Castles, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any other the premisses before mentioned, shall be kept in such place in *London* or *Westminster*, as the said Trustees, or the major part of them shall think fit and appoint; And that the said Surveyors, or any three or more of them, shall have power and authority, so often as they shall be thereunto appointed by the said Trustees, or the major part of them, to keep

Surveys and Writings to be kept in such place in *London* or *Westminster* as the Trustees or the major part shall appoint.

Courts of Survey within any of the Counties Palatine, Honours, Mannours, and Premisses: And to call before them any of the Tenants, or other persons whom they shall conceive to have any interest in any of the premisses, to shew their Writings and Evidences, and discover what Right, Title, or Interest, they, or any of them have, or may claim, of into, or out of the same, or any part thereof. And also to examine by oath or otherwise, any person or persons (other then such as have, or claim to have interest or title therein) for, or concerning the discovery of the Contents, Metes, Bonds, Extents, Titles, Rents, Improvements, Valuations and Jurisdictions of all, or of any of the premisses; And for the discovering of any Records, Evidences, Writings, or Memorandums concerning the same; And that as well the said Trustees, or any three of them, as the said several Surveyors so authorised, or any three or more of them as aforesaid, are hereby authorized to administer an Oath concerning the premisses, to any person or persons (other then such as have, or claim to have any interest or Title concerning such the premisses as shall be in question) and also to commit to prison any person or persons (other than prison, &c.)

The Surveyors to keep Courts, and to cause men to shew their Writings and Evidences.

To examine by Oath.

The Trustees, or three of them, or the Surveyors to give an Oath.

To commit to

then such as have, or claim to have any Interest or Title as aforesaid) that shall refuse to take such an Oath, or discover his knowledge concerning the Estate, Title, or Evidences of any the Lands hereby intended to be sold and disposed of, or refuse to deliver such Evidences and Writings concerning the same, which are in his custody or power, and do not concern the maintenance or defence of his interest, or such Rents and Profits as he had Title unto.

All Justices of Peace to assist the Surveyors. And all Justices of Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs, and other persons, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to the said Surveyors, or any of them, in the executing of this Ordinance; Provided that it shall not extend to the imprisoning of any Peer of this Realm.

Proviso for Peers.

The Commissioners of Excise to pay Interest for the monies due by this Ordinance

And be it further Ordered and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of Excise and New-Impost for the time being, are hereby charged and required upon the Certificate of the said Treasurers, certifying what sum or sums of money are due and payable to any person or persons, Bodies Politique or Corporate, by virtue of this present Ordinance, to pay Interest after the rate of eight pounds in the hundred for the same, to every such person or persons, Bodies Politique or Corporate, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, at the end of every six moneths, during the time that the said sum and sums of money, or any part thereof shall remain unpaid; which Certificate the said Treasurers are hereby authorized and required to make accordingly. And in case the whole two hundred thousand pounds, or so much

much thereof as shall be lent, and the interest there-
of, and such other sum and sums as are payable by
this present Ordinance, for Money, Plate, Horses,
with Furniture and Arms formerly advanced, with
the interest thereof, shall not be satisfied by the Tre-
surers aforesaid, before all sums of money charged
upon the said Excise or New-Impost, by virtue of
any Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, made
before the twentieth day of *September* last, (except
the two Ordinances of Parliament for ten thousand
pounds, and four hundred pounds for the Wid-
dows) shall be by the said Commissioners of Excise
paid and satisfied, that then the said Commissioners
of Excise upon the like certificate from the said
Treasurers as aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby
charged, and chargeable to pay the same with inter-
est, as aforesaid, or so much thereof as shall be
then due and unpaid, and shall begin to pay the
same when they have in ready money one fourth
part of the whole debt that shall be owing to the
Lenders in course, as they did pay their money, with
the interest then due, and so continue, until the
whole money hereby secured to be paid, and then
unpaid, shall be fully paid and satisfied, in such man-
ner as the Treasurers before mentioned were ap-
pointed to pay the same; and the said certificates of
the said Treasurers, with the receipt of the respe-
ctive Lenders, shall be a good discharge to the said
Commissioners of Excise, and every of them, for
their payment of any sum or sums of money by ver-
tue of this present Ordinance.

And to the end a just and true Accompt and Re-
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And to pay the
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the Treasurers.

One fourth part
of the whole
debt.

gistry may be made and kept of all and singular the Debts and Monies owing by the Parliament to such person and persons as shall advance or lend any sum or sums of money upon the security of the Bishops Lands, and the grand receipt of the Excise in course, or which of them shall be first enabled to furnish monies for the repayment thereof, as also of all payments and disbursements which shall be made or issue out of the same; Be it ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That for and during the pleasure of both Houses of Parliament there be, and shall be one Register Accomptant, who shall keep a true and plain accompt or accompts of all and every debt and debts due, or owing by the Parliament for Plate, Money, Horse, or their Furniture, to any person or persons, which shall have advanced or lent monies as aforesaid; and also, of all such interest as is, or shall be due upon, or for the same; which said Register Accomptant, shall have full power, and is hereby authorized to view, peruse, and take copies of all and every Books, Writings, and Entries, in whose hands or custody soever they, or any of them are or shall be, wherein are, or ought to be Registered or Entred any Moneys, Plate, or Horses, with their Furniture, which hath been lent or set forth for the service of the Parliament, to the end he may be the better enabled to discover and find out whether according to the Notes, Entries, and Accompts, as shall be brought in upon the foresaid Advance, the Plate, Monies, Horses, and Furniture mentioned therein, were at the days and times therein contained truly and really lent and set forth for the Service of the

The Office of
the Register
Accomptant.

the Parliament or not; and upon due examination made thereof, the said Register Accomptant shall make true certificate of all such debts which he shall finde to be justly charged, together with the interest due for the same unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being, appointed by both Houses of Parliament for the receiving of the monies which shall be advanced upon the foresaid security; upon whose approbation or allowance, the said Register Accomptant shall give due credit for the same upon accompt, that so it may plainly appear how much, and to whom the Parliament is indebted; and when any monies are paid or issued forth, he shall also make the parties receiving the same, Debitor upon the same Accompt, and perform all other requisite services appertaining to the said place. And the said Lords and Commons taking into their considerations the faithful and good service of Colonel *Robert Manwaring*,

Robert Manwaring.

do hereby constitute and appoint him *Register Accomptant* of all and singular the Accompts and Registries, which shall be kept of or concerning the premisses; to hold, execute, and enjoy the same Office of Register Accomptant, together with the yearly Fee of two hundred pounds *per annum*, payable out of the Rents, and proceed out of the Bishops Lands, by the hands of the Treasurers thereof for the time being, on the five and twentieth day of *March*, and the twenty ninth day of *September*, half yearly by equal portions: And for such Clerks or under-Officers as shall be employed in and about the premisses, the same shall be approved of by the said

The Register Accomptant to certain what debts are justly chargeable with Interest.

His Fee.

said Treasurers, and receive such reasonable salary for their service, as the said Treasurers shall from time to time think fit to allow.

The Office of
Comptroller. And it is further Ordained, that *John Fowke*, Alderman of the City of *London*, shall be Comptroller of all Entries, Receipts, and payments, which shall be made to or by the said Treasurers, and shall have power and authority by himself, or his sufficient Deputies, to keep accompt of all Entries, Receipts, Payments, and Discompts whatsoever, which shall be made unto or by the said Treasurers; And the said Comptroller and his Deputies shall execute the said place of Comptroller in the premisses, according to the Instructions hereafter mentioned, and such other instructions as the said Comptroller shall from time to time receive from both Houses of Parliament.

The Com-
ptractors Salary And it is further hereby Ordained, That the said *John Fowke* shall have for his Salary the yearly sum of two hundred pounds to be paid him quarterly by the said Treasurers, who are hereby authorized and appointed to pay the same, for which this present Ordinance, with his Receipt, shall be their sufficient discharge: And for the better securing of the principal monies, and the interest herein mentioned, Be

The Excise to
be continued
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Ordinance be
satisfied. it Ordered and Ordained, That the Excise and New-Impost upon Commodities, mentioned in the Ordinance of the eleventh of *September*, one thousand six hundred forty and three, or any Ordinance or Ordinances of this present Parliament, made in explanation and continuance thereof, shall be continued, taken and put in due execution, until such time

time as all sums of money payable by vertue of this Ordinance, shall be paid and satisfied; and the payment of the said moneys to be due and payable by vertue of this Ordinance, shall not be debarred, put by, or deferred from being paid out of the said Excise, as aforesaid, by any Order or Orders, Ordinance or Ordinances of one or both Houses of Parliament, or otherwise by the payment of any other or further sum or sums of money, then the same was and is charged with upon the said twentieth of *September* last past (except as is before excepted.) And the Commissioners of the said Excise and New-Impost for the time being, are hereby charged and required, not to dispose or pay any monies that they shall receive for the New Impost or Excise, after the same shall be charged in course as aforesaid, with the payment of any of the principal money in this Ordinance contained, until such time as the same, together with the interest and every part thereof then behind and unpaid, shall be paid unto the person or persons, Bodies politique or corporate, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to whom, upon the certificate of the said Treasurers as aforesaid, the same shall be found due for any sum of money that shall be found lent for and towards the raising of the said two hundred thousand pound now to be raised, and of the said sum of money heretofore lent upon the Publique Faith, which with the interest as aforesaid, is to be paid by vertue of this present Ordinance.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that the said first recited Ordinance, & this

This Ordinance pleadable in all Courts.

Act of Parliament for security of Trustees and lenders.

Printing and publishing of this Ordinance.

Serjeants Inn.

present Ordinance, and every Article, Clause, and thing therein contained, shall be pleadable, and may be given in evidence in any of his Majesties Courts of Justice, or other Courts, and the Judges of all the said Courts are required to allow and admit the same.

And it is also Ordered and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid; That if the Trustees, or any of them, shall require it on the behalf of themselves or the Lenders, one or more Act or Acts of Parliament, or Letters Patents under the great Seal of *England*, shall be passed for their, or any of their further security.

And it is lastly Ordained, That this present Ordinance, and the former recited Ordinances, shall be printed and published in all Counties, and other Cities, Town corporate, Parishes, Towns, Hamblets, and other places where the said Trustees, or the major part of them shall think fit. And that the care of the true Printing hereof, is hereby referred to the said Trustees, or the major part of them.

Provided always, and be it Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that neither this Ordinance, nor any branch, clause, article, or thing therein contained, shall extend to the great capital Messuage, situate in *Chancery lane London*, commonly called or known by the name of Serjeants Inn in *Chancery lane*, wherein the Judges & Serjeants of the Law have for a long time lodged and resided, and stil do lodge and reside, nor to any part of Lincolns Inn in *Chancery lane*; nor shall in any wise be prejudicial or any disturbance

disturbance to the quiet possession of the said Judges or Serjeants that now are, or shall at any time hereafter reside and lodge in the said Messuage, or to any of the Society of *Lincolns* Inn within Lincoln Inn aforesaid, any thing in this present Ordinance contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; but that the said Messuage and Lincolns Inn aforesaid, with the appurtenances, shall continue and be houses of lodging and residence to and for the said Judges and Serjeants, and others of Lincolns Inn aforesaid, and for their use and benefit, in such manner as they have been used and accustomed at and under the yearly rents usually paid for the same, for the time that the said rents are to continue by any Leases now in being. And that the said Trustees appointed by Order of Parliament for the Bishops lands, and the Survivor and Survivors of them, their Heirs and Assigns, shall dispose of the said Messuage, with the appurtenances, from time to time, as by the said Judges and Serjeants for the time being shall be directed and appointed, saving to all and every person and persons other then the said Bishops and their Successors, all such Right, Title, and Interest as they, or any of them have, or ought to have to and in the premisses.

Provided further, and be it Ordained, That the ^{Serjeants Inn.} said Serjeants Inn shall be in the disposing of both Houses of Parliament, after the expiration of any Lease now in being; saving to all and every person and persons other then the said Bishops and their Successors, all such Right, Title, and Interest, as they, or any of them have or ought to have to and in the premisses.

Former Stew-
ards to conti-
nue.

Provided always that this Ordinance shall not extend to the putting out of any Stewards of any Liberties or Courts formerly appointed and made by vertue of any Ordinance of Parliament, but that they shall continue and be, during such time as the said Liberties and Courts shall remain and be in the hands of the aforesaid Trustees, and that they shall have and receive all such fees, profits, and allowances, as formerly were allowed them, this Ordinance, or any other Ordinance, Act, or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Instructions for a *Comptroll* upon the
Accompts of all Monies to be Re-
ceived and Paid by or to the Treas-
urers appointed by this present *Or-
dinance*.

I.

That the Comptroller by himself, or his suffi-
cient Deputies, attend daylie according to the
usual times, and be present at all Receipts and
Payments, made within the said Treasurers
Office, and make Duplicates or Entries of the same
in fitting Books, to be provided and kept for that pur-
pose.

That

I I.

That every Tenant of the premisses, or any part thereof, and every purchaser of the premisses, or any part thereof, upon every payment of any sum of moneys that he shall make to the Treasurer, shall enter his Acquittance with the Comptroller, which the Comptroller shall enter without Fee.

I II.

That the said Treasurers, or their Clerk to the Cash, shall weekly upon every Munday morning, deliver the Comptroller or his Deputy, a Copie of all Receipts, Payments, and Disbursements, and to whom, during the preceding week, which the Comptroller is hereby required to enter into a Book to be kept for that purpose; and that no payment to be made by the said Treasurers, shall be allowed upon their Accompt, unless an Accompt thereof be weekly given, as aforesaid.

I V.

That the Register shall weekly from time to time make certificate to the Comptroller of all Rents, and of all rates of particulars, and of all monies payable upon any such particulars, contracts, or bargains, made by virtue of this Ordinance, which shall be forborn upon security, and how, and by whom the same is secured, and at what time payable; which certificate the Comptroller shall enter in a Book to be by him kept for that purpose.

Instru-

Instructions for Contractors for the sale of the late Arch-Bishops and Bishops Lands.

Contractors
Oath.

That the Contractors shall be sworn before the Trustees, or any three of them, according to their best skill and knowledge, faithfully to discharge the Trust committed to them, and that they shall not for favour, affection, reward, or hope of reward, break the same trust: Which said Trustees, or any three of them, are hereby Authorized to administer the said Oath accordingly.

That the Demesne Lands of the late Archbishops and Bishops in possession, shall not be sold under ten years purchase, of the full values they were at in the year 1641. The same rule to be observed proportionably in the sale of Reversions, expectant upon Estates for lives or years.

Due respect.
That the due respect to be had by the Contractors to the immediate Tenants of any of the late Archbishops or Bishops, shall be in admitting them to the pre-emption of those Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments wherein they have any Interest, so as the said Tenants do come within thirty days after the return of the Certificates by the Surveyors, and agree to purchase the same; and in case they do not agree within the said thirty days, that then the Contractors do sell the same to any other person or persons that shall desire to purchase them, so as such

such sale be made at a higher rate then was offered by the said Tenants.

That upon the sealing of the assurance, the purchaser shall pay half his purchase money down, and the other half within six moneths: and for the last payment, the Contractors shall take care that they take good security, either by the Land it self, or else by personal security. The same Security to the Treasurers, to be given to the Treasurers.

That in all cases where any person or persons that have lent any moneys upon this Ordinance, shall be purchasers, their monies so lent, shall be esteemed as so much paid towards their Purchase, if it exceed not the moiety of the purchase money; and for what exceeds the moiety, that every such purchaser shall be allowed Interest for it until the end of six moneths, wherein the remainder or total of the purchase money is to be paid.

Instructions for the Surveyors of the late Arch-Bishops and Bishops Lands, which are to be Surveyed.

That the Trustees as aforesaid shall have power to nominate one, two, three, or more Surveyors to survey the premisses, or any part of them, as they shall think fit, and that the surveys and returns made by any such one, two, three, or more Surveyors, shall be good and effectual to be proceeded upon, notwithstanding any Clause in any Ordinance of Parliament to the contrary.

That

That the Surveyor or Surveyors appointed or to be appointed by the Trustees, shall survey and enquire what Timber, Buildings, open Quarries and Mines are upon any of the premises, and certify the condition and values thereof.

Surveyors not to be purchasers.

That no Surveyor, or any his child or children, or any in trust for him or them, shall be admitted to be a Purchaser of any part of the Lands surveyed, or to be surveyed by himself, upon pain of losing his or their Purchase Money, and the Purchase to be void.

Admeasure-
ment.

Provided that nothing in the Instructions, Oath, or in this present Ordinance, shall be construed to compel the Surveyors to make any admeasurement of the Lands, or any particular Survey, of the number of Acres, unless they in their discretion shall think fit; the intention of the Houses being, That the said Surveyors should make a speedy return of their several surveys, to the end that a speedy sale may be made thereupon.

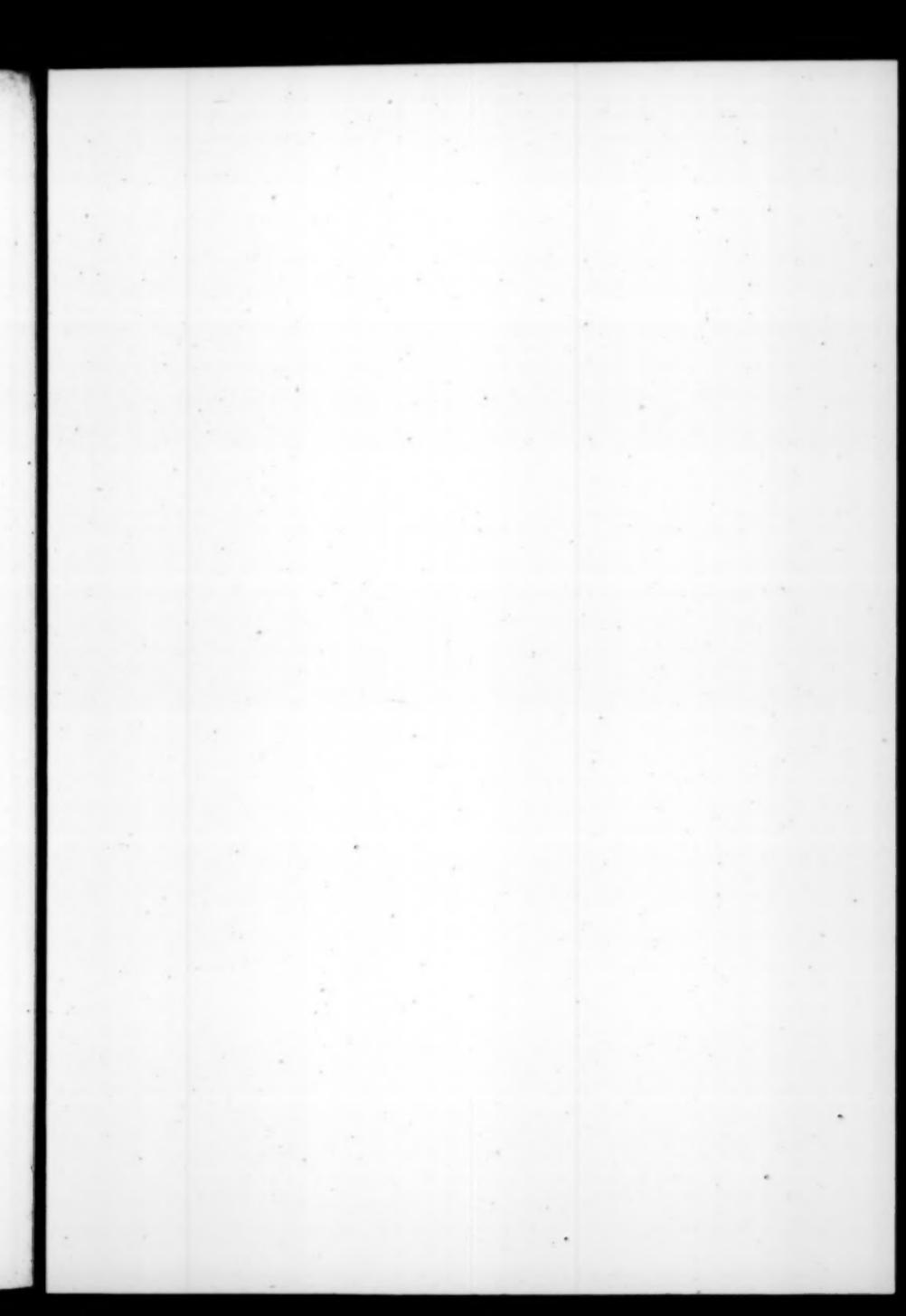
Instructions to be observed by the Register.

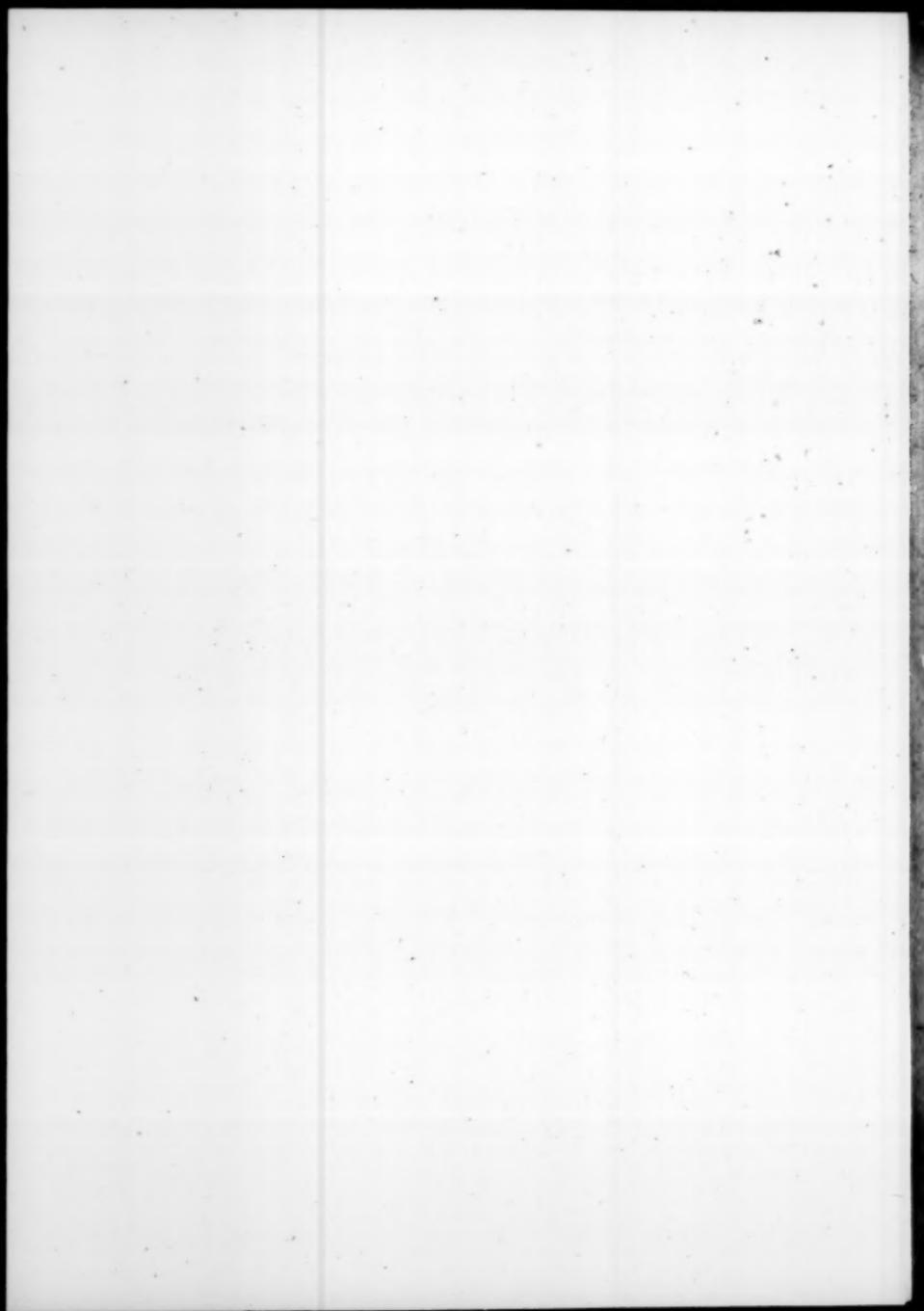
I.

To receive and register all surveys

That he do receive all Surveys and Certificates to be returned by the Surveyors, and immediately after the Receipt thereof, fairly Enter and Register the same in Books, to be kept by him for that purpose, and in an orderly manner, file, bundle up, and safely lay up, and keep the Originals.

That





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That he do weekly or oftner certifie unto the Contractors, what Surveys and Certificates are returned to him, and of what Manors, or otherwise as the case shall require. And certifie them to the Contractors.

I I I.

That upon Warrant and Direction from the Contractors, he do make forth, and fairly ingross in Parchment, particulars of all such Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Buildings, Woods, or other things surveyed and certified into his Office by the Surveyors, whereupon the Contractors are to proceed, or intend to make any sale, and that he do examine and signe the same particulars, and deliver them to the Contractors. And make forth particulars.

I V.

That upon contract or agreement made by the Contractors for any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Buildings, Woods, or other things contained in any particular made forth, signed and delivered unto them by the Register, the said particular be returned to the Register, together with the Order of agreement or contract made with the purchaser therempon. Particulars to be returned to the Register.

That upon return thereof, he do forthwith rate the particular, and ascertain the purchase money, how much it comes to, at how many years purchase the particulars contracted for are sold, and enter the same upon the same particular, together with such other proceedings as shall be required by the contract. Rating the particulars.

That he do return the particulars thus rated and ascertained, to the Contractors, who are to signe the same, to attest the agreement, and thereupon to desire and give warrant to the Trustees to draw up and seal Conveyances thereof to the purchasers accordingly. The Trustees to draw up and seal Conveyances.

Particulars to
be registered and
delivered to the
Trustees.

That all particulars thus finished, together with all proceedings thereupon, be fairly entered or registered by the Register, and be safely kept by him, as Records, and that after such entering and registering thereof, the Register do deliver the said particulars unto the Trustees, to perfect the sale as aforesaid.

Register or his
Deputy to at-
tend the Con-
tractors.

And to the end this service may be performed in such manner as the Register may be able from time to time to give an accompt of all proceedings (if he shall be required) to the Parliament, himself, or one of his deputies, are to attend upon, and enter all orders and proceedings before the Contractors.

Certificate to
the Treasurers
of rents and
monies paya-
ble.

That he do weekly make certificate to the Treasurers, Comptroller, and Register Accomptant of all rents, and all rates of particulars, and of all monies payable upon any contract upon any particular, how much thereof is to be paid in hand, and how much to be forborn, and for what time, and how, and in what manner the sum or sums to be forborn are to be secured.

To methodize
writings.

That he do methodize and put in good order all Charters, Evidences, and writings belonging to the late Archbishops and Bishops, and all books of Survey, and other things to be delivered to his care and custody, to be kept by him as Records, and make Catalogues of them, and fit them in such manner, as the subject may readily see, and have Copies (if he desire) of whatsoever shall be brought into the Registers Office, and be under his charge and custody.

17. November, 1646.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That there be an additional allowance of three hundred pounds *per annum*, al-
lowed and paid unto Mr Alderman *Fowke* for his salary, for his execution of the place of Comptroller of the Receipts of monies mentioned in the Ordinance, for the appointing the sale of the late Bishops Lands, over and above the two hundred pounds *per annum*, appointed by the said Ordinance.

300 l. per ann
to Alderman
Fowke.

Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.
Hen. Elsyng Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

IT is this day Ordered by the Lords in Parliament Printing assembled, that the several Ordinances printed for the sale of the Bishops Lands shall be called in; And that the Trustees therein mentioned, or the major part of them, shall take care for the true Printing thereof, according to the said Ordinance: Any Order whatsoever notwithstanding.

Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

Die Jovis, 2 December, 1647.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for removing Obstructions in the Sale of Bishops Lands.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament for the more speedy sale of the Mannors, Lands, and Possessions of the late Arch-bishops and Bishops, and removal of several Obstructions which hinder the sale thereof, Do Ordain and Declare, and be it Ordained and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the Contractors appointed by Ordinance of Parliament of the 16. of November 1646. to contract for, and sell the said Lands and Possessions, or any five of them are hereby appointed, authorized, and empowered, to peruse all Surveys returned, and to be returned, of the said Lands and Possessions, and to amend upon due proof made before them upon Oath, all mistakes in Misnomer of any person or persons, places, or things; And likewise without Oath to amend all other misprisions in mis-casting the total of any particular sums of money, or number of Acres, or such other like mistakes. And also

The Contractors to amend Surveys

also to make such amendments in Surveys returned, And to insert words of course in particulars, or Conveyances, as they shall think fit and necessary to pass such estates as they shall contract for, to the Purchasers, according to the true intent and meaning of the Contracts which they shall make. And to order and direct the respective Surveyors for review or amendment of any Surveys returned, as they shall see cause: And also to add by way of supplement, Certificates of any Estates or Interests which shall be made appear to them in manner and form hereafter expressed: To which end and purpose, Be it further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That all and every person and persons who claim and pretend any interest or estate in any of the said lands and possessions, or any annuity, rent-charge, or other charge issuing out of the same, and have not made their claims, produced their evidences, or otherwise made their estates and interests appear to the respective Surveyors of the Lands and Tenements out of which they claim such Estates, before the return of their respective Surveys (notice and warning being given by the said Surveyors according to the instructions of both Houses of Parliament in that behalf) shall, and are hereby required within forty days next after the publication of this Ordinance, in such manner as is hereafter expressed, or return of their respective Surveys, to make their claims, or produce and shew forth their evidences, or otherwise make their estates and interests appear to the said Contractors upon oath of one or more credible witnesses: And also all other persons claiming

Those who claim any estate or rent, &c and have not made the same to appear to the Surveyors, are to make their claims, or shew their evidences, or make their estates appear upon oath to the Contractors within 40. days.

ing any such interest, estate, annuity, or rent-charge, who shall not make their claims, produce their evidence, or otherwise make their interests and estates appear to the Surveyors of the Lands and Tenements out of which they claime such estates and Annuities, or Rent charge before the return of their respective Certificate, shall, and are hereby required within forty days next after the publication of this Ordinance as aforesaid, or return of the said respective certificates, make their claims, or produce and shew forth their evidences, or otherwise make their estates and interests appear to the said Contractors by oaths aforesaid, which oath and oaths, the said Contractors, or any five of them, are hereby authorised from time to time to administer, And (in case default be made by any such person in making their said claims, or estates, or interests, to appear in manner and form aforesaid) that then all and every such person and persons for failing, shall forfeit and lose their respective interests, estates, annuities, and rents-charge, and the lands and tenements out of which they shall claim the same, shall, and may be sold as in possession, in like manner as other the lands and possessions of the said Archbishops and Bishops. And be it Ordained by the said Lords and Commons,

The Contractors or five of them to administer an Oath.

For forfeiture of estates not made to appear in manner aforesaid.

The Contractors may sell Bishops houses at lower rates then they are valued at by the Surveyors.

that it be, and is hereby left to the judgement and discretion of the said Contractors, or any five of them, to sell any Castles, Palaces, or other houses, parcel of the lands and possessions aforesaid, at such rates and prises as they shall conceive most conducing to the advantage and benefit of the Commonwealth, though at lower rates then their materials are valued

valued by the Surveys returned thereof. And be it further Ordained, That (in case any suit shall here-
after be commenced by any person or persons, for

The Trustees
to defend all
suits.

recovery or eviction of any part or parcel of the lands or possessions of any the said late Archbishops and Bishops aforesaid, the Trustees aforesaid, or any five or more of them be, and are hereby authorized and enabled at the publique charge to defend the said suit, and to make good the rent returned by the Survey during such suit: And (in case of eviction of any part or parcel of the said lands or possessions) to give Warrant to the Treasurers to repay unto such person or persons from whom such land or estate shalbe evicted, the monies by him advanced for such

And to make
good the rent in
the Survey.
And if any be
evicted, the
Treasurers to
repay the pur-
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purchase, together with such necessary disbursements as he or they have laid out by reason of the said suit, which Warrant shall be sufficient to the Treasurers in that behalf to pay and satisfie the same. And it

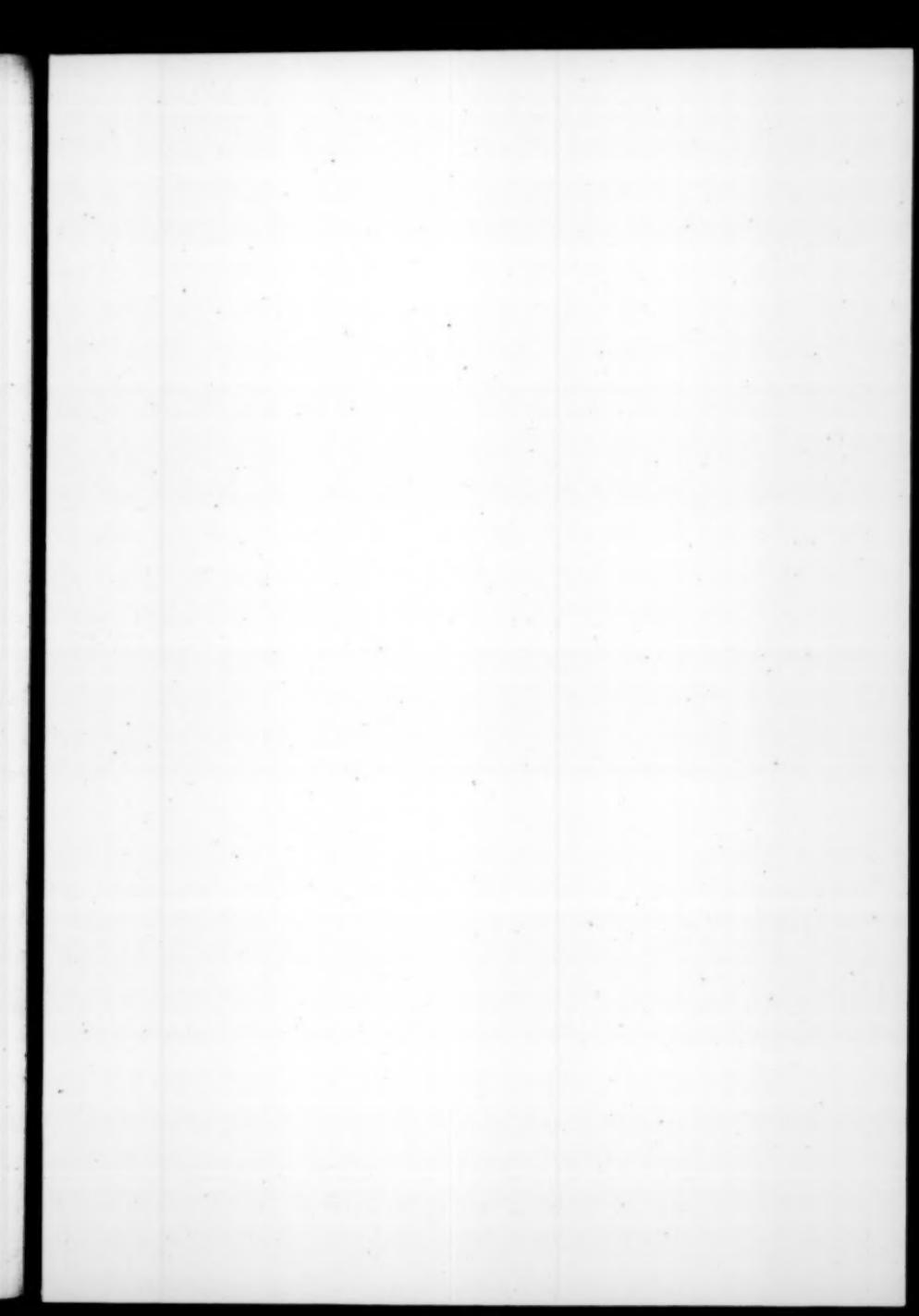
is also Ordained, That if after the sale of any of the Mannors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments of the late Archbishops or Bishops, the respective purchasers thereof shall make complaint unto the Trustees, or any five of them, that the respective premisses by them purchased, are charged with, or liable to the payment of any rents, annuities, charges, boots, boons payments, issues, or profits whatsoever, unto any steward, auditor, receiver, bayliff, officer, tenant, or other person whatsoever, which have not been formerly reprised and defaukted to the said purchasers upon their respective purchases of the premisses, that then the said Trustees, or any five of them, shall search out, hear, examine, and ascertain the same, and there-

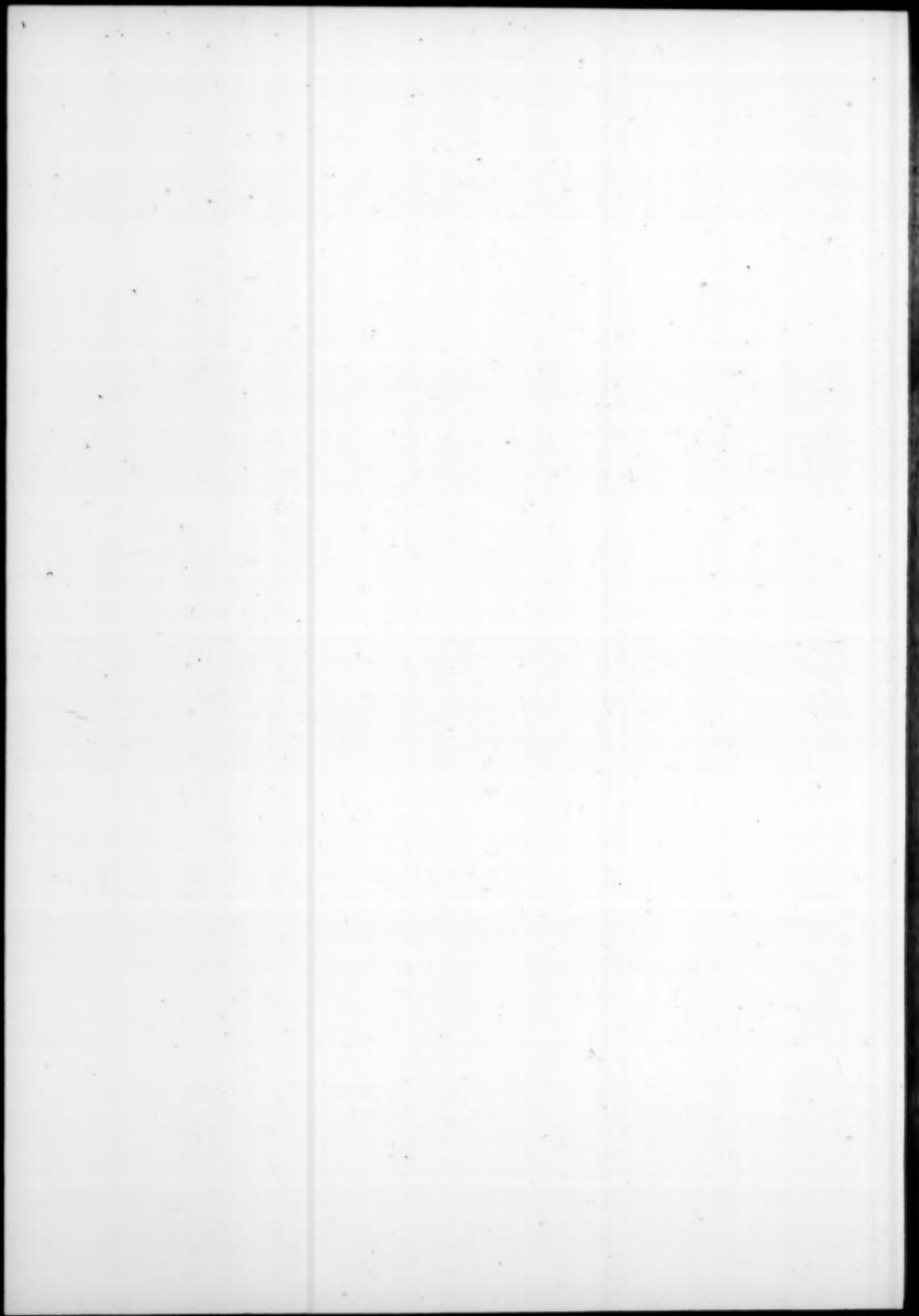
If after sale the
purchasers com-
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thereupon certifie the said rents, annuities, charges, boots, boons, payments, issues, or profits to the Contractors, or any five of them, whereupon the said Contractors, or any five of them, shall allow unto the said respective purchasers of the premisses by way of reprisal rateably and proportionably, according to such rates as they paid or contracted for the said purchased premisses, and shall accordingly ascertain and certifie the same to the respective Treasurers for the sale of Bishops Lands, or any two of them, who are hereby required and authorized to defalk out of the moiety unpaid in, or to pay unto the said respective Purchasers according to such Certificate the respective sums so to be reprized as is aforesaid, with interest after the rate of eight pounds *per Centum* to be accounted from the time of the payment of their purchase money out of the money which they shall have in their Treasury: And in case at the time of the presenting of such Certificate as aforesaid, the said Treasurers have not Money enough in cash to satisfie the same, then they are hereby enjoyned to make payment thereof out of the first monies which shall come into their said Treasury, or be received by them, or any other by their appointment: And are not to pay, or appoint to be paid any other sum of money whatsoever, until such reprisals as aforesaid be first satisfied and paid: and the warrant of the said Trustees, together with the receipt of the said Purchaser or Purchasers, shall be to the said Treasurers a sufficient discharge. And the said Trustees, or any five of them, are hereby authorized and required to cause this present Ordinance to be printed,

The Treasurers to defaulk or pay to the purchaser according to the Contractors certificate with interests.

The Warrant of the Trustees with the Purchasers receipt shall be a discharge to the Treasurers.





ed, and to send copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties of the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, where any of the manors, lands tenements or possessions of the said Archbishops or Bishops are; which said Sheriffs respectively, are hereby required to publish the same in their County-Courts the next County-Court day after they shall receive the same, and also in open market in the Shire

Printing and
publishing this
Ordinance,

Sheriffs to certi-
fie the publica-
tion.

Town the next market day after the receipt thereof; and shall certifie the day and place of the publication made as aforesaid to the said Trustees, within twenty days after the same shall be published. And be it lastly Ordained, that this present Ordinance shall be valid according to the tenor and true meaning thereof, any former or other Ordinance or Ordinances concerning the sale of the lands and possessions of the said late Archbishops and Bishops, or any clause, article or thing in them, or any of them contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

This Ord-
inance to be va-
lid *non obstante*
any former Or-
dinance.

Joh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum:

Die Martis, Octob. 3. 1648.

AN
 ORDINANCE
 OF THE
 LORDS and COMMONS
 Assembled in
 PARLIAMENT.

*Authorizing the Trustees to pay all
 Augmentations granted by the Com-
 mittee of Plundered Ministers,
 out of the rate of Bishops Lands, &c.*

Recital of the
 Ordinance for
 settling the lands
 in the Trustees

Whereas by virtue of an Ordinance
 of Parliament of the ninth of Octo-
 ber 1646. entituled, *An Ordinance
 of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for
 the abolishing of Archbishops and Bishops within the
 Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, and
 for settling of their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees
 for the use of the Commonwealth*; Sir John Wollaston
 Knight,

Knight, *John Fowke Alderman*, and divers other Trustees named in the said Ordinance, are seized amongst other things of all Parsonages appropriate, Tythes, Oblations, Pensions, portions of Tythes, Parsonages, and Vicarages, lately belonging to the said Archbishops and Bishops subject to such Trust and Confidence as both Houses of Parliament shall appoint and declare, and are to dispose of the same, and the rents and profits thereof, as both Houses shall appoint, as in the said Ordinance is expressed and declared: Be it Ordained, and it is hereby Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall, and are hereby authorized and required to give Warrants to the Treasurers in the said Ordinance named for the issuing out, and payment of the Rents and Revenues of the said Parsonages appropriate, Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, portions of Tythes, Parsonages and Vicarages, as have been, or shall be received by the said Treasurers, and have not been otherwise disposed of, for the maintenance of Ministers to such person or persons respectively, to whom the said Rents and Revenues, or any part or parcel thereof, have been, or shall be ordered or assigned by the Committee for plundered Ministers for augmentation of maintenance for officiating in any Church or Chappel within the Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, according to the effect and purport of the Orders of the said Committee respectively; And the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall give, and are hereby further

Ordained that the Trustees give warrants to the Treasurers for issuing out the Revenues of Parsonages appropriate, tythes &c. as have been received, & not disposed of to Ministers, to such persons to whom the same shall be ordered by the Committee for plundered Ministers for augmentation of maintenance.

The Trustees to give warrant to the Treasurers for payment of Arrears due for augmentations, and incurred since the 9 of Octob. 1646. according to the said Orders.

authorized and required to give warrant to the said Treasurers for payment of Arrears due for the said augmentations, and incurred since the ninth of October 1646. according to the said Orders, and such Warrants of the said Trustees, together with the receipt of the said person or persons, who shall receive the said augmentations as aforesaid, shall be a sufficient discharge for the said Treasurers upon their accompt.

John Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

Dic

Die Martis, Novemb. 21. 1648.

*An Ordinance of Parliament, enabling
a Committee of Lords and Commons
to remove Obstructions in the Sale of
the Lands of the late Archbishops
and Bishops.*

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, taking into their consideration the many Obstructions that have and do daylie happen in and about the sale of the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the late Archbishops and Bishops: And how necessary it is to free the Kingdom from so great a debt with which it stands charged, until the said Lands be sold: Do hereby Declare and Ordain, That *Algernon Earl of Northumberland, Henry Earl of Kent, Philip Earl of Pembroke and Mountgomery, Charles Earl of Nottingham, William Earl of Salisbury, Basil Earl of Denbigh, Edward Earl of Manchester, Edmund Earl of Mulgrave, William Lord Gray of Warke, Edward Lord Mountague, Edward Lord Howard of Escrick, Mr Prynne, Sir William Lewis, Mr John Ayl, Sir Dudley North, Mr Trenchard, Mr Drake, Col. Purefoy, Col. Copeley, Mr Aunesley, Mr Wheeler, Mr Gawan,* The names of the Committee *Mr*

The Committee Mr *Miles Corbet*, Mr *Reynolds*, Mr *Edward Ash*, Mr are to remove *Scot*, Mr *Blackiston*, Col. *White*, Sir *Robert Harley*, obstructions which shall appear Mr *Francis Allen*, Col. *Harvey*, Col. *Venn*, and bear to them, or Sir *Harbottle Grimston*, or any five, or more of them, any 5 of them, shall be, and are hereby constituted a Committee of to them, to the Parliament, for the regulating and removing of Contractors, or Obstructions which shall appear unto them, or any any five of them, or the Trustees, five or more of them, or be presented unto them as or 5 of them, or aforesaid, by the Contractors, or any five or more the Treasurers, of them, or by the Trustees, or any five or more them, or the Comptroller. And to clear or by the Comptroller of the said premisses, in the clearing the state of the said debt, and in the sale and upon any clause speedy perfecting of the conveyances of the said or word in any of the Ordinances for sale or premisses, and for the clearing of any doubts which conveyance of Bishops Lands. have or shall arise upon any clause or word in any of An Oath to be said premisses to any person or persons as they shall taken by 5 of conceive meet, so as the said premisses in possession, this Committee whereof one to nor any part thereof, be sold under the rates limited by former Ordinances of Parliament, nor Reversions upon Leases for Lives or Years under the rates expressed in the Ordinance of Parliament, dated the seventeenth day of *March*, one thousand six hundred forty and seven. And if it shall appear upon the survey, or by proof upon Oath, which the said Committee, or any five or more of them (whereof one to be a Peer) are hereby authorized to administer, That any Tenant, or Tenants, or others, by the stone of any Mannor or place, have or hath any custom, customs or priviledge, which in the purchase of the premisses ought to be considered, and proceed, &c. allow-

allowance made unto the purchaser in his purchase for the same. The said Committee as aforesaid, are hereby authorized to certifie the custome proved as aforesaid to the Register, who is thereupon to make out a particular, upon which the Contractors shall and may proceed to sell or make allowance tinto the purchaser, and the Trustees to convey, as if the same had been expressed in the Survey. And where any complaint shall be made by any purchaser or purchasers, or others, of any irregularity or exacti-
 Exactions of
 Fees by any
 Officer or
 Clerk.

ons of Fees by any Officer or Clerk now employ-
 ed, or hereafter to be employed in, about, or con-
 cerning the premisses; The said Committee as afore-
 said, are hereby authorized to examine, allow, ap-
 point, remove, and regulate such fees, charges, and
 Officers not already limittted and appointed by Or-
 dinance of Parliament; and also appoint such Offi-
 cers, or others, employed or to be employed about
 or concerning the same, as they shall think fit and
 necessary. And after allowance of such Officers
 fee or charges certified by the said Committee to the
 Trustees, or any five or more of them, they shall
 and may make out a Warrant or Warrants from
 time to time to the Treasurers for the paying of the
 same, which the Treasurers shall, and are hereby
 authorized to pay accordingly, and the parties re-
 ceipt to whom the monies are so assigned, shall be to
 them a sufficient discharge. Provided, that this
 shall not take away any power the Trustees, Con-
 tractors, or Treasurers, by Ordinance of Parlia-
 ment have in the nomination of their officers; and
 also to ascertain and allow out of the premisses or
 profits

The Commit-
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 cers and fees.
 The Trustees to
 give warrants
 for payment of
 them.

Proviso for officers thereof to any officers or others, who have fees, Rents, Annuities, or other charges, as shall be nominated by the Trustees, Treasurers and Contractors.

And to ascertain and allow to Officers or others who have Fee-rents, or charges due by grant from any Bishop.

Doubts and differences arising among the Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, Comptroller, to be determined by this Committee.

If any person have any Writings or Evidences, &c. belonging to the premises.

Or have wasted received, or detained any houses, woods, rents, &c.

Fees, Rents, Annuities, or other charges, as shall appear to be justly due by any lawful grant from any of the Arch-bishops or Bishops : and if any doubt or difference shall arise among the Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, Comptroller, or any of them, or any others employed in and about the said premises, or any of them, or any part thereof, or any thing concerning the same : That the said Committee, or any five or more of them, upon information thereof, by them, or any of them, shall call before them such person or persons, and shall hear, examine, settle, and determine the same, and such order, direction, and determination as they shall make, shall be the rule by which such person or persons shall proceed therein ; and they are hereby authorized and enjoyned to proceed accordingly ; And if any person or persons whatsoever, have in his or their custody, or hereafter shall have the possession of any Writing, Evidences, Charters, Counterparts of Leases, Rent-Rolls, Records, Ledger-Books, or any other thing or things of or belonging to the said premises, or any part thereof, which by force or vertue of any Ordinance or Ordinances of Parliament have been vested, settled, or ought to be, or have been in the possession of the foresaid Trustees, Register, his or their Assigns, or any Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, their Heirs or Assigns, or belonging unto him or them, or have since the first of December one thousand six hundred forty and six, or hereafter, shall waste, spoil, receive, take, or detain any of the

the Castles, Houses, Buildings, Woods, Under-
woods, Rents, Issues, and profits of the said pre-
misses, and shall refuse to yeild obedience to all or
any Ordinance of Parliament touching the premis-
ses, and to such further orders, directions, and de-
terminations of the said Committee, or any five or

And shall refuse
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this Committee
concerning the
same.

more of them, shall make of and concerning the
same : That then the said Committee as aforesaid, are
hereby authorized to summon before them, or any
five or more of them, such person or persons, and
if he or they shall refuse to appear upon summons,
then to send for him or them in safe custody, and to
hear and examine him or them, and likewise to send
for papers, writings, evidences, records, and wit-
nesses touching the same, and to examine Witnesses

They are to be
summoned be-
fore this Com-
mittee, who up-
on refusal to
appear, are to
send for them in
safe custody.

And to send for
papers, witnes-
ses, &c.

This Commit-
tee or any five
of them, to ex-
amine witnes-
ses upon Oath.

And to assess
damages upon
the persons so
offending.

Damages to be
assessed to the
State to be paid
to the Treasur-
ers.

But damages to
the purchaser to
himself, within
14. days.

Or to give se-
curity to pay it
within three
moneths.

upon Oath, which the said Committee, or any five or
more of them, are hereby authorized to admini-
ster, and thereupon to determine the same, and to
assess damages upon the person or persons so of-
fending, so as the said damages do not exceed such
damage as is proved upon oath as aforesaid, the pur-
chaser or purchasers, or the estate have or hath su-
stained by such entry, detainer, waste, or spoil, and
the party or parties so offending, are hereby required
to pay such damages as shall be given the State, unto
the said Treasurers, and to the purchaser or purcha-
sers of the said premisses, such damages as shall be
given him or them respectively within fourteen days
after judgement given as aforesaid, or else to give
sufficient security to the said Treasurers, and to such
purchaser or purchasers respectively to pay the da-
mages so assessed, within three moneths ; the which

sum or sums of money paid in to the said Treasurers, are to be issued out and disposed of by the said Treasurers, for such uses as are appointed by former Ordinances of Parliament, for the sale of the Lands of the late Archbishops and Bishops, and according to such Warrant or Warrants as they shall from time to time receive from the said Trustees, any five or more of them ; and that receipt of such person or persons, to whose use the said monies is appointed, together with the Warrant of the said Trustees, shall be a sufficient discharge unto the said Treasurers for the monies so paid ; And if the said person or persons so offending, shall notwithstanding refuse to yeild obedience unto the said Ordinances of Parliament, or such Orders and directions as the said Committee (as aforesaid) shall make and set down concerning the premises or any part of them, that then the said Committee, or any five, or more of them, are hereby authorised to commit such person or persons to safe custody, till he or they yeild obedience thereunto : And it is further Ordained, That if any person or persons have since the first day of December, one thousand six hundred forty and one, possessed him or themselves, or hereafter shall possess him or themselves of any the Castles, Houses, or Buildings, or other the premises of the said late Archbishops and Bishops, he or they having no Lease or Grant thereof, from such Archbishops or Bishops, made before the first day of December, one thousand six hundred forty and one, and shall contrary to the order and determination of the said Committee as aforesaid, refuse to yeild up, or by force

The Treasurers are to dispose of the said damages for the uses appointed by the former Ordinances by Warrant of the Trustees.

If any person offending refuse obedience to the said Ordinances, or the Orders of this Committee, they are to be committed to safe custody.

If any person having possession of any Bishops houses, &c. having no lease thereof made before the first of December, 1641. Do contrary to the order of this Committee refuse to deliver possession.

force keep the possession of any the said premises against the said Trustees, or the Purchaser or Purchasers of the same ; That then the said Committee as aforesaid , are hereby authorised to issue out a Warrant or Warrants unto the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the respective place or County where such detai-
ner is used, requiring him or them forthwith to re-
pair to the place , and to clear the possession ; and

Then this Committee are to issue out Warrants to the Sheriff of the County to clear the pos-
session.

such Sheriff or Sheriffs are hereby authorised and required to do the same , and to raise the *posse Comi-
tas*, if he or they shall find resistance , and by force of Arms to suppress the same , and also to break open doors and gates for the clearing of the posses-
sion of the said premisses , and the same so cleared to deliver up unto the Trustees , or such person as they

And to raise the *posse Comi-
tas* if resisted.

And to break open doors, &c.

or any five or more of them shall authorize to re-
ceive the same , or to the purchaser or purchasers, or such person or persons as he or they shall authorize to receive the same ; And the said Sheriff or She-
riffs are further authorized to commit to the next common Prison for one moneth, such person or per-
sons as he or they shall find to resist him or them in the execution of such Warrant or Warrants as he or

And to deliver possession to the Trustees, or the purchaser.

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riff may com-
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they shal receive from the said Committee as afore-
said , and such Warrant or Warrants as he or they shall receive from the said Committee as aforesaid , shall be a good and sufficient discharge unto him or them for so doing : And it is further Ordained, That where any Certificate or Survey hath been or shall be made and returned to the Trustees or Regi-
ster, that any Tenant hath neglected or refused to shew his evidences by which he holds his estate, nor

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nant hath neg-
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made his claim nor estate appear by sufficient witnessess within the time limited by the Ordinance of Parliament, and according to the directions of the said Ordinance, by reason of which his estate is forfeited, and the premisses sold as in possession, the said Committee are hereby authorized upon the appeal of such person or persons unto them, or any five or more of them, to hear and determine such case or cases, and to send for Papers, Writings, and Witnesses touching the same; and the Witnesses if they see cause, to examine upon Oath, which they are hereby authorised to administer: And if it shall appear to the said Committee that such default was not through any wilful neglect or contempt of the power and authority of the Parliament, but upon other good and sufficient causes shown to and to be allowed by the said Committee, they shall and may,

and are hereby authorized thereupon to discharge the estate of such person of and from the said forfeiture, which they shall certifie to the said Contractors, or any five or more of them, who are hereby authorized and required, out of the purchase monies unpaid, to reprise so much as the purchase of such part of the premises was estimated at in sale thereof,

which they shall certifie unto the Treasurers, who are hereby authorized and required to allow the same unto such purchaser or purchasers out of his or their monies which shall be unpaid at the time of the receipt of such Certificate, which shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Treasurers; Provided such Tenant or Tenants make his or their appeal to the said Committee before the payment of the second Moi-

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ty for such purchase: And it is further Ordained, Such order or discharge of this Committee to be effectual, although the same were forfeited and sold as in possession.

If any one intending to purchase any lands where there hath been any such neglect or refusal of the Tenants as aforesaid, certified upon the survey of the said premises or forfeiture incurred, do or shall procure from the Contractors a Certificate unto the said Committee of the names of such Tenant or Tenants who have refused or neglected, and forfeited, or shall neglect, refuse or forfeit as aforesaid; That then the said Committee as aforesaid are hereby authorised to send for such Tenant or Tenants, as likewise for their Leases or Copies, and other Writings concerning their estate in the premises; which if he or they shall refuse to produce or make his or their estate appear by proof upon Oath which the Committee is hereby authorised to administer, That then the said Committee may commit such person and persons to safe custody, there to remain until he or they yeild obedience to this and other Ordinances of Parliament, and such orders as the said Committee shall make touching the premises; and the said Contractors may notwithstanding sell such premises as in possession according.

Which they refuse to produce or make their estates appear upon oath, the Committee may commit them to safe custody.

And the Contractors may notwithstanding sell the premises as in possession,

And in case of according to a former Ordinance of Parliament: And obedience to the in case of obedience and conformity to the Ordinances of Parliament, and such Orders as the said Committee shall make touching the premises, the said Committee are hereby authorised to discharge the estate of such person or persons of and from the said forfeiture, and the same, together with the particular interest is made appear unto them to certifie as well to the Trustees as Register; And the Register shall make his particular accordingly: And the said Contractors are hereby authorized to Contract for, and sell, and Trustees to convey the same, as if it had been expressed in the survey: And it is further Ordained, that wherein any survey made or to be made of any of the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the said late Archbishops and Bishops, there shall be any words wanting, without which the said Committee or any five or more of them, or the said Contractors, or any six or more of them, shall conceive that the said premises, or any part thereof comprised in any such survey, or any of the Courts, Franchises, Liberties, Royalities Priviledges, or appurtenances to them or any of them belonging, cannot be conveyed to the purchaser, or purchasers thereof, so fully as ought to be; to the intent the purchaser may have in his or their conveyance, words sufficient to pass so much of the said premises as he or they do or shall contract for; The Register in every particular by him made upon every such Survey, shall insert, and hereby is authorized to insert such words as the said Committee

as aforesaid; or the said Contractors, or any six or more

of them, shall conceive that the said premises, or any part thereof comprised in any such survey, or any of the Courts, Franchises, Liberties, Royalities Priviledges, or appurtenances to them or any of them belonging, cannot be conveyed to the purchaser, or purchasers thereof, so fully as ought to be; to the intent the purchaser may have in his or their conveyance, words sufficient to pass so much of the said premises as he or they do or shall contract for; The Register in every particular by him made upon every such Survey, shall insert, and hereby is authorized to insert such words as the said Committee

more of them shall think fit, and direct, therein to be inserted, notwithstanding the same be not expressed in the Survey whereupon such particular be made; And the said Contractors shall and may proceed, and are hereby authorized and enjoyned to Contract for, and pass conveyances of the said premises, or any part thereof according to such particular so amended; Provided that there shall be no reprise by reason of the addition of any word or clause as aforesaid, unless there be a value put upon the thing or things in the particular, upon which the contract is made; And it is further ordained, That if any purchaser or purchasers, or others, shall make it appear unto the said Committee, any five, or more of them, by proof upon Oath, which the said Committee as aforesaid, are hereby authorised to administer, and send for parties, writings, and witnesses touching the premises; that the premises contracted for, or conveyed, are subject and liable unto any estate, charge, or incumbrance not mentioned in the Survey of the said premises, or that the premises were not the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the said late Archbishops, or Bishops; That then the said Committee, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to hear and examine the same, as aforesaid, and thereupon to determine the same, and to certify unto the said Contractors their resolution and determination of, and concerning the premises; And the said Contractors are hereby authorised to allow unto such purchaser or purchasers, by way of reprise out of his or their monies unpaid, so much

And the Contractors are to proceed according to the particular so amended.

Provided that no reprise be made but where a value is put upon the thing, &c.

If any purchaser or other make it appear that the premises contracted for, or conveyed, are subject to any incumbrance not mentioned in the Survey, or that the premises were not the Bishops Lands.

Then this Committee are to hear and determine the same and to certify the resolutions to the Contractors who are to make allowance of the same by way of reprise out of the monies unpaid, and certify the same to the Trustees, who are to give Warrants to the Treasurers as therefore.

And the Contractors are to discharge the purchaser of this Contract made for Lands which shall be so certified not to belong to the Bishop.

And where the Purchaser in that case hath perfected this conveyance the Trustees (upon such Certificate of this Committee) shall issue out Warrants to the Treasurers to repay the purchase money forthwith.

And if any doubt arise upon any word or clause of this or any other Ordinance touching the premises, the Trustees and other Officers are to proceed therein according to the determination of this Committee herein.

as the said estate, charge, or incumbrance, proved as aforesaid, shall be valued at, and the same to certify to the Trustees, who shall issue out Warrant, or Warrants, to the Treasurers, to defalk and allow the same unto such purchaser or purchasers; And where the said Contractors shall be certified as aforesaid; that the premises contracted for, or conveyed, were not the premises of the said late Archbishops or Bishops, they shall and may and are hereby authorised to discharge such purchaser or purchasers of his or their contract; And in case where any purchaser hath perfected his conveyance, if the said Committee as aforesaid do or shall certify the said Trustees, or any five, or more of them, that the premises are not the Mannors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, of the said late Archbishops or Bishops; That then the said Trustees as aforesaid, shall issue out their Warrant to the Treasurers to repay such person or persons his or their monies forthwith, out of such monies as are in Treasury, or out of the next monies which shall come into the Treasury; And the said Warrant, together with the Receipt of the party, shall be a good and sufficient discharge to the said Treasurers; And it is further ordained, That if any doubt shall be made or arise upon any word or clause in this present Ordinance, or any other Ordinance of Parliament, touching, and concerning the premises, by the said Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, and other Officers, employed about, or concerning the said premises: The said Trustees Contractors, Treasurers, & other Officers, employed as aforesaid,

said, are hereby authorised and enjoyned to proceed therein according to the determination and direction of the said Committee, any five or more of them, any former Order or Ordinance of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding; and whatsoever the said Committee, Trustees, Treasurers, and other Officers, or any of them, shall do in pursuance of this present Ordinance, they shall be saved harmless and indemnified by authority of Parliament.

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An Act of the Commons of *England*
in Parliament Assembled.

*For the Abolishing of Deans, and
Chapters, Canons, Prebends, and
other Offices and Titles, of or be-
longing to any Cathedral or Collegi-
ate Church or Chappel within Eng-
land or Wales.*



HE Commons of *England* in
Parliament assembled, having
seriously weighed the necessity
of raising a present supply
of moneys for the present safe-
ty of this Common-wealth ;
and finding that their other se-
curities are not satisfactory to Lenders, nor suffi-
cient to raise so considerable a sum as will be necessa-
ry for the said service, are necessitated to sell the
Lands of the Deans and Chapters, for the paying
of publique Debts, and for the raising of three
hundred thousand pounds, for the present supply
of the pressing necessities of this Common-wealth,
Do Enact, Ordain, and Declare, and be it En-
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acted, Ordained and Declared, That from and after the nine and twentieth day of *March*, in the year *One thousand six hundred forty nine*, the Name, Title, Dignity, Function, and Office of Dean, Sub-dean, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacon, Prior, Chancellor Chanter, Subchanter, Treasurer, Sub-treasurer, Succenter, Sacrist, Prebend, Canon, Canon-resident or Non-resident, Petty Canon, Vicar, Choral, Choristers, Old Vicars and New, and all other Titles and Offices of and belonging to any Cathedral or Collegiate Church or Chappel in *England and Wales*, Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, and Isles of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, shall be, and are, by the Authority aforesaid, wholly abolished and taken away; and that all and every person and persons are and be from the said Nine and twentieth day of *March*, disabled to use or hold the Place, Function, Office, Title or Stile of Dean, Subdean, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacon, Prior, Chancellor, Chanter, Subchanter, Treasurer, Subtreasurer, Succenter, Sacrist, Prebend, Canon, Canon-resident, or Non-resident, Petty canon, Vicar, Choral, Chorister, Old Vicar or New, in *England or Wales*, Town of *Berwick on Tweed*, Isles of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, or to use, put in ure, or exercise any power, authority, Jurisdiction or Imployment, by force or colour of any Letters Patents from the Crown, made or to be made, or by reason of any such Name Title, Dignity, Office or Function, or by any other authority whatsoever, in *England or Wales*, Town of *Berwick on Tweed*, Isles of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, (Any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to

the contrary notwithstanding.) And be it Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all Honors, Manors, Lordships, Circuits, Precincts, Castles, Granges, Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Pastures, Parsonages appropriate, Tithes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, portion of Tithes, Parsonages, Rectories, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels, Advowsons, Donatives, Nomination, Right of Patronage and Presentation, Parks, Woods, Rents, Reversions, Services, Annuities, Franchises, Liberties, Privileges, Immunities, Rights of Action and of Entry, Interest, Titles of Entry, Conditions, Commons, Courts Leet, and Courts Baron, and all other possessions and Hereditaments whatsoever; with all and every of their appurtenances, of what nature or quality soever they be, which now are, or at any time within ten years before the beginning of this present Parliament of right were belonging to the said Deans, Subdeans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, Priors, Chancellors, Chanters, Subchanters, Treasurers, Subtreasurers, Succenters, Sacrists, Prebends, Canons, Canons resident or Non-resident, Petty-canons, Vicars, Chorals, Choristers, Old Vicars or New Vicars, which they or any of them had, held, or enjoyed, in right of, or by reason of his or their said Office, Name, Title, Stile, Dignity, Function, place or imployment respectively; together with all Charters, Deeds, Legier Books, Court-Rolls, Accompts, Writings and Evidences whatsoever, concerning the premises or any of them, which do belong to any of

of the said Deans, Subdeans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, Priors, Chancellors, Chanters, Subchanters, Treasurers, Sub-treasurers, Succenters, Sacrists, Prebends, Canons, Canons resident or Non-resident, Petty canons, Vicars, Chorals, Choristers, Old Vicars or New Vicars, are vested, settled, and shall be, and are adjudged, deemed and taken to be in the real and actual possession and seisin of Sir *John Wollaston* Knight, *Thomas Noel*, *William Hobson*, *Thomas Arnald*, *Owen Roe*, *Stephen Estwick*, *Robert Titchborn*, *George Langham*, *John Stone*, *Mark Hillesley*, *John White*, *William Wyberd*, *Daniel Taylor*, *William Rolf*, and *Rowland Wilson*, Esquires, their Heirs and Assigns: And the said Sir *John Wollaston*, *Thomas Noel*, *William Hobson*, *Thomas Arnald*, *Owen Roe*, *Stephen Estwick*, *Robert Titchborn*, *George Langham*, *John Stone*, *Mark Hillesley*, *John White*, *William Wyberd*, *Daniel Taylor*, *William Rolf*, and *Rowland Wilson*, and the Survivor or Survivors of them, and their Heirs and Assigns, shall hold all and every part and parcel of the said premises of the Manor of *East Greenwich* in Fee and common Soccage, by Fealty only, and by no other Tenures or Services whatsoever; and shall hold all and every the premises which the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned, held of any other then the King, by the Rents and other services therefore due, and of right accustomed. And the said Trustees, their Heirs, Assigns, Farmers and Tenants, shall also have, hold and enjoy the premises, and every of them, freed, acquitted and discharged of and from the

the payment of Tythes, as fully as the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before-mentioned, did hold and enjoy the same at any time, during the time of ten years before the beginning of this present Parliament, or any time since: Nevertheless, upon trust and confidence, that the said persons before named for Trustees, and their Heirs, shall have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the premises, and every of them, subject to such trust and uses, as by the authority aforesaid shall be hereby declared and appointed, and dispose of the same, and the Rents and Profits thereof, as by the authority aforesaid, shall be ordered and appointed. Pro-
vided that the said Trustees, their Heirs and Assigns, shall not avoid any Leases made for any term not

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or 21 years in
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possessiōn (saving and excepting such Leases as for a longer time for years are good and warrantable by the Laws of the Land) or in such manner, as that together with the Lease in being, shall not exceed three lives, or one and twenty years; so as the old and accustomed Rent and Rents, or so much Rent as the ancient and accustomed Rent amounts unto, be reserved payable, during the said voidable term and terms of Estates; and so as the said Leases have not been procured, or purchased, of any of the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons aforementioned, since the first day of December, One thousand six hundred forty one. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Dean, Dean and Chapter, or other the persons before mentioned, have to be void.

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Grant of Lease
made by any
Dean, Dean &
Chapter, since
the first of De-
cember, 1641.
to be void.

at any time since the first of *December, One thousand six hundred forty one*, made any Grant or Lease, to any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, of any the Honors, Manors, Lordships, Mes- suages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any other the premises aforesaid, or any of them, in sight or by reason of their said Office, Place, Function, or Dignity, the same Grant or Lease, shall be utterly void, and of none effect; and the person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, unto whom the same was made, shall have no benefit thereby. Provided, and be it Enacted and Ordained, That if any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, at any time or times, since the said first of *December, One thousand six hundred forty one*, who had any Grant or Lease for one or more life, lives, or any number of years of the premises, or any part thereof, as is aforesaid, did surrender the same, to the end that he or they might have a new Grant or Lease, granted or made to him or them, and had such new Grant or Lease accordingly made unto him or them; which by this present Act is made void, That the said person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, who hath so surrendered any such former Grant or Lease, his and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Affigns, shall have, hold, possess and enjoy such time and termas he or they had in any part of the said premises, by virtue of any such former Lease or Leases, in such sort and manner as he or they should have had, held and enjoyed the same, if no such surrender had been made;

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subject nevertheless to such payments of Rents, and other services, covenants, conditions and agreements, as in the said former Grants or Leases were expressed and contained, (saving unto all and every person and persons, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, Bodies Politique and Corporate, and their Successors, other then such person and persons as shall or may claim, or pretend to have any Right, Title, or Interest unto the premises, or any part thereof, as K I N G of *England*, or his Heirs or Successors, Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons aforementioned, and other then the Founders and Donors, as Founders and Donors, of and to the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, Priors, Chancellors, Chanters, Subchanters, Treasurers, Subtreasurers, Succenters, Sacrists, Prebends, Canons, Vicars, Chorals, Choristers, Old Vicars and New, and other the persons before mentioned, and their Heirs) all such right, title, interest and possession, rights in Law or Equity, entries, annuities, commodities, fees and other profits, which they or any of them, before the said first day of *December*, *One thousand six hundred forty one*, ought lawfully to have had, in or to the premises, or any part or parcel thereof, as if this Act had never been had or made; also saving to all such person or persons as have adhered to the Parliament, all such estate as he or they since the first day of *May*, *Ann. Dom. One thousand six hundred forty one*, have forfeited, or made forfeitable, for not payment of Rent, or not performing of Services to any the said Deans, Deans and Chapters,

ters, or other the persons before mentioned, except it be in the case of a Lease made utterly void by this Act, by reason the same hath been procured or purchased of any the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, or other the persons before mentioned, since the aforesaid said first of *December*, *Ann. Dom.* one thousand six hundred forty one. Provided also, and it is further hereby Enacted and Ordained, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular the Revenues, Rents, Issues, Fees, Profits, Sums of Money and allowances whatsoever, which before the said first day of *Decembe*, One thousand six hundred forty one, have been, and then ought to be paid, disposed and allowed unto, and for maintenance of any Grammar-School, or Scholars, or for, or towards the reparation of any High-way, Cause-way, or Bridges, School-house, Alms-house, or for any other charitable use, payable out of any of the premises; or which are chargeable, or ought to issue out of, or to be paid for, or in respect of the premises or any of them, shall be, and continue to be paid and allowed, as they were before the said first of *December*, One thousand six hundred forty one, any thing in this present Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided also, that this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to any Colledge, Church, Corporation, Foundation, or House of Learning, in either of the Universities within this Common-wealth: Nor to the Corporation of *Christs Church*, in *Oxford*, of *Henry the Eights Foundation*; Nor to any Manors, Lands Tenements and Hereditaments thereunto belonging.

Revenues and
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This Act not to extend to any Colledge, Church, Corporation, Foundation, or Houses of Learning, in either of the Universities.

ing ; Nor to the Revenues of any publique Professor or Reader in either of the Universities ; Nor to the Foundation of any of the Schools of *Westminster, Winchester, or Eaton.* And for the better encouragement, and security of such person or persons as shall be purchasers of the said Land ; Be it Enacted , Ordained and Declared , by the Authority aforesaid , That Sir *John Wollaston* , and other the persons before named as Trustees , the Survivor and Survivors of them , and the Heirs of the Survivor of them , shall stand and be seized of all and singular the said premises , vested and settled in them , and their Heirs ; (Excepting Parsonages appropriate , Tithes appropriated , Fee-Farm Rents issuing out of Tithes , Oblations , Obventions , portions of Tithes , Parsonages , Vicarages , Churches , Chapels , Advowsons , Donatives , Nominations , Rights of patronage and presentation) until the sale and conveyance thereof , shall be made unto any person or persons , Bodies Politique or Corporate , as shall be purchaser or purchasers thereof , or of any part thereof , for the paying and satisfying the respective Lenders within this Act ; and such sums as are by this Act transferred upon the said security , and of the Remainder of the said premises that shall be left unsold , after such satisfaction made , to such further use and uses as shall hereafter be declared by the Authority aforesaid . And be it further Enacted and Ordained , That the said persons aforementioned as Trustees ; or any five or more of them , shall have like power and authority to make , nominate , and appoint from time to time , by writing under their

Trustees to have power to appoint Surveyors.

their Hands and Seals, fit and able persons, such as they shall think fit, to survey the premises in any County, or Counties of *England or Wales*, who are hereby enabled and authorised to keep Courts of Survey, for the better discovery of the premises, and the value thereof, and other things concerning the same; who are hereby authorized, enabled, and required, to observe and keep in relation to the said service, such Rules, Directions, and Instructions, as the Surveyors of the late Bishops Lands, are appointed to observe, in relation to the surveying of the said Bishops Lands, and are expressed and mentioned in an Ordinance of Parliament, Dated the sixteenth day of *November*, One thousand six hundred forty six, entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For appointing the sale of the Bishops Lands, for the use of the Common-wealth*; and they or any three of them, are hereby authorized and enabled to execute, and put in execution, all the powers and authorities that the aforesaid Surveyors, or any three of them may, or might have done, by vertue of any power or authority given unto them by the said Ordinance and Instructions. And all Sheriffs, Majors, Bayliffs, Justices of the Peace, and other persons, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to the said Surveyors, or any of them, in the executing of this *A&t.* And the said Surveyors are hereby authorized to demand, require, receive, and put into safe custody, the Charters, Deeds, Books, Accompts, Rolls, Writings, and Evidences that concern the premises or any part thereof; To the end the same may

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be put into such place as the said Trustees or any five or more of them shall appoint. And it is further Enacted, That the said Trustees, or any three or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to administer to all and every the said Surveyors, (who are enjoyned to take the same) an Oath.
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The Surveyors
Oath.

I A. B. do Swear, that I will, by the help of God, faithfully and truly, according to my best skill and knowledge, execute the place of Surveyor, according to the purport of the Act, entituled, *An Act of the Commons in Parliament assembled, for the Abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, Canons, Prebends, and other Offices belonging to any Cathedral, or Collegiate Church or Chappel in England or Wales;* And shall use my best endeavour and skill, to discover the state herein mentioned, and every part thereof, which shall be

be given me in charge; And to find out the true values and Improvements thereof; And thereof shall make true Surveys, according to my best skill and cunning; and the same from time to time to deliver, or cause to be delivered in writing, close sealed up unto the Register for the time being, in that behalf appointed; and also a true Copy or Duplicate thereof, close sealed up, unto the said Trustees, or any two of them: And this I shall justly and faithfully execute, without any Gift or Reward, directly or indirectly, from any person or persons whatsoever (except such allowances as the said Trustees, or any five or more of them shall think fit to make unto me for my pains and charges in the executing of the said Place and Office.) And

Trustees to call
to accompt
Surveyors.

And the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorised from time to time to call to accompt any Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Officers by them named and appointed; and if they shall find them, or any of them deficient or unfaithful, in pursuance of the duty or trust in them reposed; That then they shall and may remove them, or any of them, which they shall so find deficient or unfaithful, and nominate and appoint others in their stead.

And it is further Enacted, That the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to take unto them such Council Learned, and to appoint such Stewards of Manors, and other Officers, as any five or more of them, shall think necessary: and to give such Fees, and make such allowances to them or any of them, as they shall think fit and necessary. Provided always,

That this A&T shall not extend to the putting out of any Stewards of any Liberties or Courts, formerly appointed and made, by virtue of any Ordinance of Parliament, but that they shall continue and be, during such time as the said Liberties and Courts shal remain, and be in the hands of the said Trustees; and that they shall have and receive all such Fees, Profits and Allowances, as formerly were allowed them; this A&T, or any other thing to the contrary notwithstanding. And it is further Enacted, That the said Trustees, or any five, or more of them, shall have like power and authority, and are hereby required and authorized, to observe such Orders and Directions, in relation to the premises, as the Trustees for Bishops Lands, might or may observe and

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and keep', in relation to the sale of the said Lands, which are contained in an Ordinance of the 2. of December, 1647. Entituled, *An Ordinance for removing Obstructions in the Sale of Bishops Lands.*

And be it further Enacted, That Sir William Roberts Knight, John Blackwel, James Russel, Thomas Ayres, Robert Fenwick, Edward Crescit, John Heyling, of Grayes-Inn, Nathaniel Wetham, Roger Smith, Dr William Parker, Josias Barners, and Clement Oxenbridge, Esquires, or any five or more of them, shall have power and authority, and are hereby impowered and authorised to treat, contract, and agree with any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, for the sale of the said premises, or any part thereof, upon such particular, or Certificate and values, as shall be delivered in unto them, under the hand of the Register or his Deputy, as here after shall be by this Act nominated and appointed. Provided, That the said Contractors shall not treat or contract with any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, other then the immediate Tenant, or Tenants, of the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned, for the respective Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which he or they so hold for the space of thirty days, to be accompted from the Return of the Survey thereof; And in case such Tenant or Tenants do not agree, contract, and subscribe his or their contract, within the said thirty days; That then the said Contractors may proceed to the sale thereof, to any other person or persons, Bodies Politique or Corporate,

The names of
the Contractors

Tenants to
subscribe to
their Contracts
within thirty
days.

porate, whatsoever. And it is further Enacted, That the said Contractors shall not sell any of the Lands, Possessions, or Hereditaments of the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons aforementioned in possession, under twelve years purchase, saving and excepting Castles, Houses, and Palaces, according as is directed by an Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, of the second of December. 1647.

Lands not to
be sold under
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Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For removing Obstructions in the sale of Bishops Lands*: And the said Contractors shall not sell a Reversion of the said Lands and Hereditaments, upon a Lease for one Life, under six years purchase; and that a Reversion of such Lands and Hereditaments, upon a Lease for two lives, shall not be sold under three years and a halves purchase; and that a Reversion of the said premises upon a Lease for three Lives, shall not be sold under two years and a halves purchase: And where any Tenant or Tenants of any the premises, claim a Right to have a customary Estate in Reversion, or by the custome may grant, or make Leases for Life or Lives, the Reversion shall be sold proportionable to this Rule. And the said Contractors shall not sell a Reversion of the said Premises, upon a Lease for seven years, under six years and a halves purchase; and that a Reversion upon a Lease for fourteen years, shall not be sold under four years and a quarters purchase; and that a Reversion upon a Lease for one and twenty years, shall not be sold under three years purchase; and all other Reversions

A Lease for
one Life not
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ons upon Leases, for more or fewer years, shall be sold proportionable to this Rule. And it is further Enacted, That the said Contractors, named in this Act, shall take the Oath hereafter expressed, before any three of the said Trustees, *in hoc verba, viz.*

I A. B. do Swear, That I will according to my best skill and knowledg, faithfully discharge the trust committed unto me, in relation to an Act of Parliament, *For Abolishing of the Office of Deans, Deans and Chapters, Canons, Prebends, and all other Offices and Places belonging to any Cathedral or Collegiate Church or Chappel, in England and Wales;* And that I will not for Favour or Affection, Reward or Gift, or hopes of Reward or Gift, break the same.

The Contractors Oath.

And the said Contractors are hereby authorized and required to observe such other Instructions as are mentioned in the Instructions of the said Ordinance, concerning the Contractors for Sale of the

Bishops Lands. And it is further Enacted, That the Contractors hereby nominated and appointed, shall and may, and are hereby enabled, authorized, and required, in the like cases that shall happen before them, in or concerning the said premises, to observe, put in use and execution the like powers and authorities, that the Contractors for the sale of Bishops Lands, do or may do by virtue of an Ordinance of Parliament, of the second of December, One thousand six hundred forty seven, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For the removing Obstructions in the sale of Bishops Lands.* And for the better carrying on of the said service, Be it Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That *Henry Scobel Esquire*, shall be Register and Keeper, and shall have the custody and keeping of all Records, Charters, Evidences, Court-rolls, Leiger Books, Writings, Books of Survey, Rentals, Certificates, and other things, of or concerning the Lands and possessions of the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned; or concerning any the Honors, Manors, Castles, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the premises herein mentioned; and shall from time to time, as aforesaid, deliver unto the purchaser or purchasers, of the said premises, or any part thereof, such Records, Writings and Evidences, as concern the premises by him or them purchased: And that all and every the Surveyors of the premises, shall make their Returns of all and every their respective Surveys by them taken from time to time to the said Register, who shall

*Hen. Scobel,
Esq; Register.*

shall make entry by himself or Deputy, of all such Surveys, Certificates, and other proceedings, as shall from time to time be returned by the Surveyors of the premises, or any three or more of them, being first allowed by the Surveyor-general; and the said Register shall also make forth, value, rate, and sign all and every particular and particulars of the premises, or any part thereof, whereupon any Contract, or Contracts for sale or otherwise, shall, or is to be had or made; and every such particular so rated, valued and signed, shall from time to time be a good and sufficient ground and authority for the said Contractors or any five or more of them, to proceed to sell accordingly; and the said Register shall make entry of all and every such Contract and Contracts, and other proceedings thereupon, To have, hold, execute and enjoy, the said Office or Place of Register and Keeper, by himself or his sufficient Deputy, together with the yearly Fee of one hundred pounds, payable out of the Receipts, Rents, and Revenues, arising out of the premises, by the hands of the Treasurers herein mentioned, on the first of *January*, and first of *July*, half yearly, by equal portions; which said yearly Fee of One hundred pounds, the said Treasurers are hereby required and authorized, to pay accordingly; and that the Acquittance of the said Register, shall be a good Discharge to the said Treasurers, and every of them, for the payment thereof: And the said Register shall have and receive such reasonable Fee and Fees for Writing, Rating and Signing of the said particular or particulars, and

otherwise in the execution and discharge of the said Office, as the Committee appointed by Ordinance of Parliament, of the One and twentieth of *November*, One thousand six hundred forty eight, for removing of Obstructions in the sale of Bishops Lands, shall think fit and reasonable: Provided That the said Register and Keeper shall have but Two pence the sheet, for all things that are Copied and to write fifteen lines in each sheet: and the said Register, is hereby impowered, authorized, and required, concerning the premises, to observe the like Instructions given to the Register for the sale of Bishops Lands, expressed and mentioned in the Ordinance of Parliament of the sixteenth of *November*, One thousand six hundred forty six, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons, assembled in Parliament, For appointing the sale of the Bishops Lands for the use of the Common-wealth*. And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid; That the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall have power, and authority, and are hereby impowered, authorized, and required, to convey the premises, or any part thereof, by bargain, and sale enrolled, according to the Statute, or otherwise by any good and sufficient Conveyance and Assurance in the Law, to any person or persons whatsoever, according to such Contract or Contracts as shall be made by the Contractors, or any five or more of them: And that all Bargains of Sale, Conveyances and Assurances, made of any Estate or Estates, in Fee-simple, according to such Contracts as shall be agreed upon between the purchaser

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chaser or purchasers, and the said Contractors before named, or any five or more of them, shall be good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes: And all and every purchaser or purchasers of the premises, or any part thereof, his Heirs and Assigns, shall have, hold, and enjoy the premises that shall be by him or them purchased, discharged of all trusts and accompts, whereunto the said Trustees are or may be liable, by vertue of this present Act, and all Suits and Questions that may arise, or be moved, upon pretence of sale at under values; and all other claims and demands whatsoever(saving the Rents and Interests before saved) and of all incumbrances made by the said Trustees, or by any claiming under them, or any of them: And that the said premises shall not be lyable unto, but stand and shall be free, and discharged of and from all and all manner of Statutes, Judgments, Recognizances, Dowers, Joyntures, and all other Acts and Incumbrances whatsoever, had, made, done, or suffered, or to be had, made; done, or suffered, by, from, or under the said Trustees, other then such Conveyances and Assurances as shall be by them had, made, done or suffered, in performance or pursuance of the Sales and Contracts, respectively made, according to the intent of this present Act; and saving unto all and every person and persons, Bodies Politique and Corporate, their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, all such Right, Title, and Interest, as aforesaid: And that if any action shall be brought against the said Trustees, Contractors, or Treasurers, or any of them, for

for any Act done by them, or any of them, in execution of this Act, or Instructions unto which it relates, then he or they are hereby enabled to plead the general issue, and to give this A&t in Evidence: And if a Judgment pass for them, they shall recover double costs. And be it further Enacted, that it any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, who shall be purchasers of any part of the premises, shall hereafter be evicted out of any part of the premises, by virtue of any Eign, Right, Title, or Interest, in or unto the same, that in such case, the said purchaser and purchasers so evicted, shall have full and due satisfaction, recompence and allowance made to him and them, for the monies paid or advanced for the said purchase, and that in such manner as both Houses of Parliament have appointed and directed by an Ordinance of Parliament, of the One and twentieth of *November*, One thousand six hundred forty eight, in like cases as the purchasers of Bishops Lands ought to have, if they be evicted: And if it be required by the purchaser or purchasers, or any of them, their or any of their heirs or assigines, One or more A&ts of Parliament, or Letters Patents, under the great Seal of *England*, by authority of Parliament, shall hereafter pass for the further assuring of the premises, or any part of them, unto such purchaser or purchasers, their Heirs or Assigins, requiring the same, paying for the same the like Fees as are appointed by an Ordinance of Parliament, of the three and twentieth of *September*, One thousand six hundred forty seven. And for as much as the Commons

mons of *England* in Parliament assembled, having taken into their serious consideration, the necessity of raising a considerable sum of monies for the present service of *England*, *Ireland*, and the Navy, Do Enact and Ordain, and be it Enacted and Ordained, That the sum of Three hundred thousand pounds shall be borrowed upon the Security of the Lands of the said Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned, by way of doubling the like sum, as shall be due unto any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, upon the Publique Faith. And for the Encouragement of such as shall advance any sum or sums of money, towards the raising the said three hundred thousand pounds, Be it Enacted and Ordained, by the authority aforesaid, That every person and persons, Body Politique and Corporate, who hath voluntarily advanced any Moneys, Plate, Arms, Horses, with their furniture and arms, upon the Publique Faith, for every sum of Money he shall further lend as aforesaid, may and shall be secured the Moneys formerly lent as aforesaid; and such other Moneys as he or they shall advance for the raising of the said Three hundred thousand pounds, upon the Lands of the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned; as for example, if there be owing to any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, One hundred pounds principal, which together with interest due thereupon for three years, will make One hundred twenty four pounds, he or they advancing One hundred twenty four pounds, may and shall be secured Two hundred forty eight pounds,

Three hundred thousand pounds upon security of Deans and Chapters Lands, borrowed by way of Doubling. Encouragement for doubling of moneys.

pounds, as aforesaid, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser sum: And for the more speedy reimbursing of such Lenders, and paying such sums as are transferred from the *Excise*, and *Gold-Smiths-Hall*, upon the said security, the Lands of the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned, are (excepting Parsonages, Tythes, and Improvements) estated and vested in in the said Trustees, for the speedy sale thereof.

And it is further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, who shall lend any Moneys on the said security as aforesaid, and shall have his ~~on~~ their debt and interest stated by the Register Ac-comptant, named in this Act, and certified to the Treasurers named in this Act, shall pay in to the said Treasurers, the moneys wherewith he ought to double as aforesaid, within ten days next after the Certificate thereot made to the said Treasurers, or otherwise, shall lose his Moneys due upon the publique faith, unless he or they shew good cause to the said Treasurers, or any two of them, to be allowed by them, or any two of them, for his or their neglect. And it is further Enacted, That *Thomas Noel, Stephen Eftwick, and William Hobson*, Esquires, shall be Treasurers for the said service, and that they, or any two of them, are hereby in-powered and authorized, to receive the said Three hundred thousand pounds, & all other such sum and sums of money, as from time to time ought to be paid in to the Treasury, by virtue of this Act, which

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which shall be issued out and paid according to the Rules, Directions, and Instructions, mentioned in this Act, and according to such further Rules and Instructions, as from time to time they shall receive from the Commons assembled in Parliament.

Instructions for the Treasurers.

I.

First, The said Treasurers shall not issue out, or pay any part or parcel of the said Three hundred thousand pounds, to any person or persons whatsoever, but according to such Orders, Directions, and Instructions, as they shall from time to time have and receive from the Commons of *England*, in Parliament assembled; and that then the receipt of the person or persons authorized to receive the same, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge to the said Treasurers.

Instructions for
Treasurers.

II.

Secondly, That the said Treasurers shall not issue out, or pay any of the Rents, Issues, or profits of the said premises, but according to such Warrant or Warrants, as they shall from time to time receive from the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, for the ends and purposes contained in this present Act; and that the Receipt of such person or persons to whom such Warrant is made,

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III.

Thirdly, That the said Treasurers, or any two of them, after their Receipt of the Register Ac-comptants Certificate, named in this Act, of what principal and interest is due to any person or persons Body Politique or Corporate, who shall be lenders within the intent of this Act; the said Treasurers shall, and are hereby authorised, to give to such person or persons a Receipt, or Receipts, as well for the old debt and interest, stated and certified as aforesaid, as also for the moneys lent towards the advancement of the said three hundred thousand pounds. And it is further Enacted and Ordained, That the Receipt or Receipts given by the said Treasurers, as aforesaid, or any two of them, shall be a good and sufficient authority for such person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to require payment of the sum therein mentioned, together with Interest, according to six pounds, *per centum*, out of the Rents, Issues, and Profits of the said premises; and in case of failer thereof, to be allowed him or them, their Assign or Assigns, in the purchase of the said Premises, or any part thereof. And it is further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, to grant or assign his or their Publique Faith, Moneys, Bills, Certi-

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Certificates or Receipts, to any other person or persons; which person or persons shall have the like benefit and advantages, to all intents and purposes, as the first lender might have had within the intent of this Act: And it is further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, Body Politique or Corporate, who have any moneys due or owing unto them upon the said security, to Grant and Assign the same to any person or persons, which shall be allowed to all persons to whom it shall appertain, to make allowance thereof, as if such Receipt or Receipts had been Originally made in the name of such Assign or Grantee. And it is further enacted, That Colonel *Robert Manwaring*, shall be, and is hereby constituted & appointed Register Accomptant for the said service; who is hereby authorized upon the Bills, Receipts or Certificates, given by any Committee (where by Ordinance of Parliament they are empowered to give the publique Faith) or from Treasurers, Receivers or Collectors of Money, Plate, Arms, Horses with their Furniture or Arms, advanced on the Publique Faith, to ascertain the principal and interest thereof, and the same to certifie unto the said Treasurers, or any two of them: Provided, that the said Register Accomptant do not allow of any Receipt, Certificate, or Bill of publique Faith, but such as shall be allowed by the Trustees named in this Act, or any five or more of them, who are from time to time to observe such Orders, Directions, and Instructions, as they shall have and receive from the Parliament concerning the premises; and in regard of the many neglects,

Colonel *Robers
Manwaring,
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and imperfections in the Surveys of the late Bishops Lands, the sale of the same hath been much retarded; for prevention of which, the Commons assembled in Parliament, do Ordain and appoint Collonel *William Web*, Surveyor-General, of all the said premises; who is hereby authorised, enabled and required to observe the Instructions for the Surveyor-General, mentioned in this Act. And to the end the Surveys may be speedily perfected; Be it Enacted, That the Trustees and Register are hereby enjoyned forthwith, after the return of any Survey or Surveys unto them, to send them unto the said Surveyor-General, as they come to their hands.

Instructions for the Surveyor-General.

I.

First, The said Surveyor-General shall within six days next after he shall receive any of the said Surveys from the said Trustees and Register, peruse them, and shall return them back to the Trustees and Register, with his allowance and approbation thereupon, if he find them fit for a purchaser to proceed upon, after which, the Register shall and may make out a particular of the whole survey for the purchaser to contract upon.

II.

Secondly, If the Surveyor-General shall find the Sur-

Surveys insufficient for to contract upon, That then he shall within six days after Receipt thereof, transcribe so much of the said survey, as is imperfect, and return the same unto the respective Surveyors, and certifie them the causes of his Exceptions, who are hereby enjoyned forthwith to amend the same; but if they cannot, to certifie him the cause why they cannot amend the same; and notwithstanding the imperfection, the said Surveyor-General is to return the Surveys to the Trustees and Register, so that the immediate Tenants of any part of the pre-mises, exprest in the survey that is perfect, may proceed to purchase.

III.

Thirdly, The said Surveyor-General shall, and may, with the consent of three of the Contractors, rectifie and amend mistakes, errors, and other matters (that are not of substance) in any of the said Surveys: And in all Cases where the said Surveyor General can by credible information or proof, amend any Survey without any return of the Surveyor, that then he, with the advice and consent of three of the Contractors, shall and may amend the same.

IV.

Fourthly, Where any person or persons shall neglect, or cannot make his or their Estate or Estates

Estates appear unto the Surveyors, or have entered his or their Claim with the Surveyors for that Place or County in which the-said premises lie; yet if such person or persons shall enter his Claim, and make his Estate to appear by due proof upon Oath, unto the said Surveyor-General, (who is hereby authorized to administer the same) within forty days after the return of the said Survey, That then the said Surveyor-General shall enter and allow the same; which being by him certified to the Register and Trustees, it shall be a good and sufficient ground for the Register to make out a particular, and for the Contractors to contract, and the Trustees to convey.

V.

Fifthly, That the Surveyor-General shall appoint and limit the day and time when the respective Surveyors shall begin their respective imployments, and how long the same shall continue, and upon just cause to enlarge the same.

VI.

Sixthly, That the respective Surveyors shall from time to time certify their proceedings unto the Surveyor-General, and keep such correspondence with him, as that he may know in what places they are, and upon what imployment.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Register shall cause one able and sufficient Clerk, such as

as the Contractors shall approve of, to be attending on them at all their meetings, and to enter all their Orders and Proceedings, and to observe and obey such commands and directions concerning the premises as they, or any five or more of them shall direct & appoint: And that the said Books of Entries shall remain in the custody of the said Contractors, or such of them as the major part of them shall appoint. Provided, that no Copies of the said Entries be taken out of the said Books, but by the said Register, his Deputy, or the said Clerk. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That the said Register, his Deputy for the time being, and the said Clerk, shall severally take before three of the said Trustees, the Oath prescribed in the Ordinance of the fifth of March, One thousand six hundred forty six, entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For the better explaining and executing former Ordinances for the sale of Bishops Lands.* And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That none of the said Contractors, or any other to their, or any of his or their use or uses, or in trust for them, or any of them, directly or indirectly, shall or do purchase the said premises, or any part thereof: And if any of the said Contractors, or any in trust for them or any of them, shall purchase any of the said premises, he or they shall forfeit his or their estate so purchased, and the monies paid or to be paid for the same. Provided always that if moneys do not come in to satisfie the said Contractors, Trustees and Treasurers, their Salaries allowed by this Act, That then they shall and may have part of the said

Books of Entries to remain in the custody of Contractors. Register, his Deputy and Clerk, to take the Oath mentioned in this Ordinance. *Marsii, 1646.*

premises, in lieu of their said Salary, according as shall be ordered and appointed by authority aforesaid: And be it further Enacted, Ordained and Declared by the authority aforesaid, That all gifts and grants, or Augmentations made before the twentieth day of *April*, one thousand six hundred forty nine, by one or both Houses of Parliament, or any persons authorized thereunto, by authority of Parliament, of the said premises or any part thereof, or of any of the Rents and Profits of any of the said premises, for the maintenance of a preaching Ministry, Preacher, Lecture or School, in *England or Wales*, and all Ordinances and Orders concerning the same, be and shall be, and are hereby declared to be *Null* and void.

Provided notwithstanding, That this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to take away the present Rents, Issues and Profits that shall become due unto Minister, Lecturer, or School-Master, until the sixth day of *January*, one thousand six hundred forty nine, by reason of his or their Augmentation, settled upon him or them by authority of Parliament, unless the premises out of which such augmentation doth issue, be sold and conveyed away to any purchaser or purchasers, before the said sixth day of *January*, one thousand six hundred forty nine. And the said Treasurers are hereby required and enjoined to make payment thereof accordingly.

And it is further Enacted, That such Committee as shall be appointed by the Parliament, shall have and exercise all and every the powers given to the

the Committee appointed by Ordinance of Parliament of the one and twentieth of *November*, One thousand six hundred forty eight, for removing Obstructions in the sale of Bishops Lands; and that they do take special care, that the Rents, Issues and Profits of the Impropriations, Tithes, Parsonages and Vicarages belonging to the said Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned, be employed for the maintenance of a Preaching Ministry, and encouragement of Learning in *England and Wales*; and that they take into their consideration, the present disposal of all the Rents and Revenues of all the Impropriations, Tithes, Do-natives, Parsonages, Rectories, Vicarages, and portion of Tithes belonging to the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons aforesaid, that they may the better know how, where, and to whom (for the future) to make disposals thereof, who are hereby authorized to give, grant, order, and dispose of the same accordingly, until it shall be further ordered by Parliament. And be it further enacted and ordained, That the Trustees do from time to time issue out Warrants to the said Treasurers, for the paying the Rents, Issues and Profits of the said Tithes, Impropriations, Do-natives, Parsonages and Vicarages, as they shall be settled by the said Committee; And that the persons employed in and about the said service may have due encouragement, Be it Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the Contractors mentioned in this Act, shall have and receive three pence in the pound for all such Lands,

Committee appointed by Parliament to have the same powers mentioned in the Ordinance of the 21. of November, 1648. for removing Obstructions in the sale of Bishops Lands.

Trustees to issue out Warrants.

Contractors three pence in the pound.

Tenements and Hereditaments, of the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons aforesaid, which shall be contracted for, and sold by them, and conveyed according to the rates for which they shall be sold; and that the said Trustees excepting the said Treasurers, shall have and receive three pence in the pound for all such the said Lands as they shall convey, according to the Rates for which they shall be sold: And that the Treasurers named in this Act shall have and may deduct out of all moneys received by them, and also out of all moneys to be allowed by them upon defalkations for any purchase made of the said Lands, two pence in the pound, according to the rate for which the said premises shall be sold, for their own Salary, and paying their Clerks and Tellers. Provided That the said deduction be made according as the Purchaser pays in, or defaulks his purchase money, and not otherwise: And that the Register accomptant shall have for his Fee, the sum of two hundred pounds *per annum*, for executing the Office of Register Accomptant of the said premises, payable out of the rents, and proceed of the said premises by the Treasurers thereof, for the time being, on the first of *November*, and the first of *May*, half yearly by equal portions. And the said Treasurers shall allow and pay from time to time, such Clerks as the Register Accomptant shall employ under him in the said Office, such Salary as they or any two of them shall think fit to allow. And that the Surveyor-General for the said premises shall have for his Fee for him, and his Clerks for the said service, the sum of

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of one hundred and fifty pounds *per annum*, payable out of the Rents and proceed of the said premises, by the Treasurers thereof for the time being, on the first of *January*, and on the first of *July*, half yearly, by equal portions. And be it further Enacted, That the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, or such person or persons as they as aforesaid shall authorize under their hands and seals, shall make a lease or leases of the said premises or any part thereof, which shall be out of lease for one year or less, and so from year to year, or less, till the premises be sold, reserving the best rent they can get for the same. Provided that such of the said premises as are grantable by copy of Court-roll, according to the custome of any Honour, or Manor shall be demised by copy of Court-roll respectively. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every body or bodies, politique or corporate, in *England* and *Wales*, shall have power and capacity, and are hereby enabled to take and purchase to themselves and Successors, any of the said Honors, Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to themselves, their Heirs, and Successors for ever, without suing forth any license or licenses of alienation on Mortmain, any Law, Statute or Charter to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, Ordained and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every person and persons, body politique and corporate, who shall contract for any of the said premises, shall pay in, or defalk the first moiety of his

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purchase moneys within eight weeks after his contract made ; and shall likewise prosecute and procure his or their respective conveyances from the said Trustees appointed to convey the premises within the said eight weeks, or otherwise he and they shall incur the penalties of such defaulters as are mentioned in an Ordinance of the three and twentieth of March , 1647. Entituled *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the explanation and better execution of former Ordinances of Parliament for the sale of Bishops Lands in England and Wales* ; unless he or they can procure from the said Contractors , or any five or more of them, upon good cause shewn, and to be allowed by them a Cerrtificate or Certificates for further time to perfect his or their conveyance , which Certificate and further Licence or Licences , the said Contractors as aforesaid , are hereby authorized to give : And the said Contractors and Treasurers named in this Act respectively , are hereby enabled, authorized, and required as there shall be occasion to put the said Ordinance in execution, according to the intent and meaning thereof : And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid , That the Committee so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be a Committee for the removal of obstructions in the sale and conveying of the said premises ; and that they shall and may, to all intents and purposes, execute all powers and authorities concerning the premises, as the Committee for removing of Obstructions in the sale of Bishops Lands , according to an Qrdinance of the One and twentieth of November,

One thousand six hundred forty eight; entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for removing Obstructions in the sale of Bishops Lands*, might, may or ought to do: And the Contractors, Trustees, Treasurers, Register Accomptant, and Surveyor-General named in this Act, and all other persons imployed in or about the said service, are required to observe such Orders and Directions, as from time to time they shall receive from the said Committee; And the said Committee so to be appointed, shall and may allow all incident charges for the necessary carrying on of the said service. And it is further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees named in this Act for the conveying the said premises; And the purchaser or purchasers of all or any of the Honors Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of, or belonging to the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons aforesaid, their, and every of their respective heirs and assigns, as also the Trustees appointed for the conveying of the Lands of the said late Archbishops and Bishops, and the purchaser and purchasers of all or any of the Honors, Mannors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, of the said late Archbishops and Bishops their respective Heirs and Assigns respectively, shall have, hold, use and enjoy, all the like benefits, privileges, rights, usages, and customes; And likewise take all advantages, benefits of conditions, broken forfeitures, or non-performance of Covenants, Entries or Actions, as the said respective Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before

before mentioned , or their respective Successor or Successors might have done, or ought to have had or enjoyed, or as the respective Archbishops or Bishops, or their respective Successor or Successors might do, or ought to have done, had, or enjoyed : And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That the acceptation or receipt of any Rent or Rents, since the first of *December* , one thousand six hundred forty one, by any person or persons, for any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, belonging to any Archbishop or Bishop, or any Dean, Dean and Chapter, or other the persons before named, shall not confirm, ratifie, or make good any Lease or Grant made by them, or any of them , which were or are voidable in Law : And be it further Enacted , That the said Trustees give in charge to the said respective Surveyors, the Surveying of all and every the Donatives, Parsonages, Vicarages, Rectories, Tithes, and Impropriations of and belonging to the said Deans , Deans and Chapters, and others the persons before named; and they are hereby enjoyned to make speedy, exact and particular Surveys of them and every of them, and return what is the value of every the said Parsonages , and who the present Incumbent is , And likewise the present Rent of every the said Donatives, Vicarages , Rectories and Tithes, and what is the improved Rent and Interest of the particular Tenant , and also who is the present Tennant ; and what maintenance the Incumbent hath , and how it doth arise, and likewise what charges are issuing out of them , or any of them ; and to whom and to what use or uses : Provided that this Act , nor any thing

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thing therein contained, shall be construed or intended to vest in the said Trustees, a certain messuage or tenement, called the *Hill House*, situate in or near *Chatham*, in the County of *Kent*, late belonging to the *Dean, Dean and Chapter of Rochester*, now employed for the use of the *Navy*; but that the said messuage or tenement, with the *Gardens, Orchards, Out-houses*, and buildings thereunto used or belonging, shall be employed for the use of the *Navy*: And forasmuch as the *Commons of England* in Parliament assembled, are very sensible how heavy the *Assesments* lye upon the people of this Nation, which as yet they are necessitated to continue for the carrying on the necessary service of this *Commonwealth*; And being resolved to free the People of this Nation from free quarter, and desireous so soon as it will stand with the safety of the *Commonwealth*, not onely ease, but free the people of this Nation from *Assesments*; to do which they find no readier way then by clearing the present engagements and charges which lye on the *publique Treasuries of the Common-wealth*, and by applying them towards the maintenance of the Army in *England*, and for the effectual prosecution of the War in *Ireland*, and setting forth, and continuing at *Sea* a stronger *Navy* then usual, for preserving the trade and traffique of this *Common-wealth*; do therefore Enact and Ordain, That the several and respective sum and sums of money due and payable out of, and from the receipts of the *grand Excise*, or the receipts for the composition of *Delinquents at Goldsmiths Hall*, unto any person or persons, *Body Politique*

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Kent for the
use of the *Na-
vy*.

Several sums of
money charged
on the *grand
Excise*, and
Goldsmiths Hal
transferred on
the *Lands of
Deans and
Chapters*.

litique or Corporate, their Assign or Assigns, hereafter respectively mentioned, shall be, and are hereby transferred and removed of and from the said respective receipts and securities, unto and upon the security of the Lands of the Deans and Chapters, and other the persons before mentioned, (*viz.*) out of, and from the Receipt of the grand Excise, payable to Colonel *Massey* with interest, nine hundred forty four pounds six shillings two pence. To Colonel *Birch* with interest, for *Ireland*, eight hundred fifty seven pounds four shillings eight pence. To *Merchant Adventurers Company* with interest, thirteen thousand eight hundred and four pounds. To Major General *Browne* with interest, five thousand pounds. To *Ely & Crowland* with interest, four thousand one hundred thirty eight pounds five shillings six pence. To *Adam Aires* for *Northern Officers*, three thousand five hundred twenty six pounds twelve shillings. To the Committee of both Kingdomes, and *Sussex Forces* at *Abingdon* with interest, fourteen hundred pounds. To *Dover Garrison* with interest, five thousand pounds. To *Yorkshier Horse* with interest, five thousand pounds. To the Lord *Ferdinando Fairfax*, reduced Officers with interest, seventeen thousand one hundred thirty eight pounds ten shillings eleven pence. To Major *Bosa* with interest, one hundred pounds. To Captain *Strachan* with interest, two hundred ninety three pounds. To Eastern association, part of the Armies one hundred fifty thousand pounds, twenty thousand pounds. To the *Dutch Officers* with interest, seven thousand eight hundred fifty two pounds five

five shillings eight pence. To *Ireland* with interest, twenty thousand pounds. To Sir *Thomas Maleverer* with interest, one thousand pounds. To Colonel *Hampdens Executors*, two thousand pounds. To *Patrick Young* with interest, one thousand pounds. To Alderman *Aldworth* with interest, five thousand two hundred seventy four pounds, six shillings, eleven pence. To Colonel *Harvey* one thousand four hundred forty eight pounds. To the Lord *Broughbil*, two thousand pounds. To Captain *Gardiner*, one thousand four hundred and forty pounds, seven shillings, seven pence. To the *Scots Officers*, thirteen thousand seven hundred seventy four pound seven shillings. To Colonel *Jephson* with interest, one thousand pounds. To Sir *Richard Houghton*, seven hundred seventy nine pounds five shillings nine pence. To *William Sike* with interest, three thousand nine hundred three score and three pounds eighteen shillings five pence. To Coll. *Thomas Barwis*, two thousand seven hundred eighty five pounds six shillings two pence. To *Henry Stephens*, five hundred pounds. To Colonel *Herbert* with interest, seven hundred thirty pounds four shillings. To Colonel *Barker*, four thousand nine hundred twenty six pounds. To Mr. *John Sleigh* with interest, six hundred pounds. To Mr. *Nicholas Gold*, part of four thousand four hundred forty three pounds twelve shillings four pence; two thousand four hundred forty three pounds twelve shillings four pence. To Mr. *Nicholas Gold* the other part of the four thousand four hundred forty three pounds twelve shillings four pence, with interest, being two thousand

thousand pounds. To Mrs. *Coriton* with interest six hundred thirty two pounds. To the Eastern association with interest, ten thousand pounds, and out of, and from the receipts of the Compositions of Delinquents at *Gold-smiths-hall* payable to *John Sedden Esquire*, two thousand five hundred pounds. To *Benjamin Valentine Esquire*, two thousand five hundred pounds. To Captain *Samuel Playford* with interest, three hundred pounds. To Mr. *Wheeler*, and Mr. *Bell*, for repair of *Margerets West-minster*, two hundred pounds. To *Christopher Medcalf* with interest two thousand pounds. To *Patrick Young Esquire* with interest, one thousand pounds. To Captain *Samuel Gardiner*, seven hundred and fifteen pounds. To Mr. *Richard Turner*, Mr. *Mansrice Gething*, &c. with interest, nine thousand six hundred twenty five pounds three shillings penny. To the Lady *Anne Harecourt*, one thousand pounds. To Doctor *John Bastwich* with interest, five hundred pounds. To Major General *Massey*, assigned to Mr. *Leithbevilier*, one thousand pounds. To Major General *Brown*, four thousand and sixteen pounds. To *Adam Eire*, *Thomas Greashead*, &c. Trustees for the use of certain reduced Officers under the late Lord *Fairfax*, four thousand pounds. To Colonel *Barton*, one thousand three hundred ninety five pounds nineteen shillings two pence. To Colonel *Mitton*, one thousand eight hundred ninety seven pounds. To the County of *Lincoln*, two thousand four hundred and fifty pounds. To the reduced Officers, fifteen thousand nine hundred and six pounds eight shillings four pence. To Sir *William Lister*.

Lister Knight, five hundred pounds. To the Lord Gray of Wark, one thousand threescore nine pounds ten shillings. To Sir *William Waller* Knight, eight hundred forty one pounds ten shillings. To Colonel *Mitton*, in case he hath received no part hereof out of the growing rents of the Delinquents estates or otherwise since the said sum was charged upon the Compositions of particular Delinquents at *Goldsmiths-hall*, five thousand pounds. To the City of *York*, four thousand eighty pounds. To the County of *Darby*, two thousand four hundred fifty pounds. To *Richard Winwood* Esquire rest unpaid of five hundred pounds, with interest one hundred fifty pounds. To Major *Samuel Birch*, five hundred pounds. To Sir *Francis Knollis*, *Zouch Tate*, &c. Trustees, to the use of Mistris *Elizabeth Burghil* widow and her children by her late husband, of the sum of two thousand eight hundred twenty six pounds, two parts amounting to one thousand eight hundred fourscore and four pounds transferred for the benefit of her children. To the Treasurers of the Adventurers, for the Additional Forces for *Ireland* by Sea, or to the Lord *Forbs*, &c. one thousand seven hundred four pounds seventeen shillings four pence. To *William Sikes* with interest four thousand pounds. To *Philip Skippon* field Marshal, with interest five hundred pounds. To Alderman *Pennington*, fifteen hundred pounds. To the Lady *Viscountess Moor*, one thousand pounds. To the Lady *Vere*, one thousand pounds. To Sir *Robert Harley*, &c. The Committee of *Hereford*, six thousand seven hundred forty pounds, whereof seven hundred

dred fifty pounds to Colonel *Birch*. To the Committee of Petitions where Mr. *Goodwin* hath the chair, for the use of divers Scots Officers, with interest, five thousand seven hundred six pounds eighteen shillings penny half penny. And be it enacted that all and every the sum and sums aforesaid, due and payable from or out of either or both of the aforesaid Receipts, and transferred by this Act from the aforesaid securities, shall be satisfied and paid to the respective person or persons, bodies politique and corporate, their *Assignee* or *Assignees*, out of such monies as shall be raised by the sale of the Honors, Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the Deans and Chapters, and others the persons before mentioned, together with the sum of six hundred thousand pound to be advanced and secured by virtue of this Act, or so much thereof as shall be advanced and secured by the Treasurers named and appointed herein, or by the purchasing of them, or any part of them (advowsons and impropriations excepted. And the said Treasurers are hereby authorized and required to proceed to give satisfaction, or make payment to the respective Creditors, his or their *Assignee* or *Assignees* accordingly. And be it further enacted and ordained, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any of the creditors or persons, their *Assignee* or *Assignees* of any sum or sums of money, for which by this Act, the Lands of the Deans and Chapters, and other persons before mentioned, are given for security, or with which the premises are hereby charged and made liable to satisfie or pay, to assign his or their right

Creditors power to assign their right to any person.

right, title or interest, in any sum or sums of money so due unto him or them, to any person or persons whatsoever, and that every such assignee or assignees shall have like liberty, right, title, and advantage to all intents and purposes as is due and of right belonging to any of the aforesaid Creditors or persons, or their Assignes. And be it further enacted and ordained, that if any of the aforesaid Creditors or persons, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, or the Assignee or Assignees of them or any of them to whom any sum of money is due as aforesaid, shall become a purchaser or purchasers of any of the premises, that it shall and may be lawful for any or every of them to defalk or detain any money as shall be due to him or them as aforesaid, upon any or every purchase that he or they shall make of the premises or any part thereof, if the sum to him or them due as aforesaid, shall not exceed the value of the purchase, or so much thereof as the same shall amount unto; and the Register Accomptant is hereby authorised and required from time to time, and as often as need shall require, to ascertain and certify to the Treasurers the principal debt, and also the interest thereof, that at the time of payment for the purchase of any of the premises purchased by any of the aforesaid creditors, or persons, or the Assignee or Assignees of any of them, shall be due according to such rates or considerations of interest, as by this Act is allowed, or otherwise is due and appointed to be paid by any other Act or Ordinance of Parliament to any of the creditors or persons, their Assignee or Assignees of the several and respective sum

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sum and sums transferred, altered, and removed, as aforesaid, whose certificate or certificates shall be a sufficient warrant for the said Treasurers to allow the same upon any or every purchase or purchases, that they or any of them shall make of the premises or any part thereof, and the said Treasurers are hereby authorized and required to allow the same accordingly. Provided, that these several sums hereafter mentioned, *viz.* To Colonel *Massey*, with

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of money not
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chase money.

interest, nine hundred forty four pounds four shillings two pence. To Colonel *Birch* with interest for *Ireland*, eight hundred fifty seven pounds four shillings eight pence. To Merchant Adventurers Company with interest, thirteen thousand eight hundred and four pounds. To Major Generall *Brown* with interest, five thousand pounds. To *Ely* and *Crowland* with interest, four thousand one hundred thirty eight pounds five shillings six pence. To *Adam Aires* for Northern Officers, three thousand five hundred twenty six pounds twelve shillings, formerly charged upon the Excise, and now transferred upon the security of Dean and Chapters Lands. As also the several sums hereafter mentioned, (*viz.*) To Major General *Massey*, assigned Mr. *Leishevilier*, one thousand pounds. To To Major General *Brown*, four thousand sixteen pounds. To *Adam Eire*, *Thomas Greathead*, &c. Trustees for the use of certain reduced Officers under the late Lord *Fairfaix*, four thousand pounds. To the City of *York*, four thousand and fourscore pounds. To the County of *Derby*, two thousand four hundred and fifty pounds. To Sir *Robert Har-ley*,

ley, &c. the Committee of *Hereford*, six thousand seven hundred and forty pounds, whereof seven hundred and fifty pounds to Colonel *Birch*. To the Committee of Petitions, where Master *John Goodwin* hath the chair, for the use of divers Scots Officers, with interest, five thousand seven hundred and six pounds, formerly charged on the grand Receipt of *Goldsmiths-hall*, and now transferred upon the security of Dean and Chapters Lands as aforesaid, or any of them, shall not be allowed or taken by the Trustees, Register Accomptant or Treasurers appointed by this Act, in part of the purchase money upon any purchase so to be made of the premises, by this present Act appointed to be sold, or any part thereof, save only such of the said several sums, or such part thereof as the Parliament or such Committee as the Parliament shall appoint for that purpose, shall first allow of and approve as just and fit to be allowed. And be it further Enacted, That *John Fowk* Alderman of the City of *London*, shall be comptroller of all entries, receipts, and payments, which shall be made to, or by the said Treasurers, and shall have power and authority by himself, or his sufficient Deputies to keep account of all entries, receipts, payments and discompts whatsoever, which shall be made unto or by the said Treasurers, and the said comptroller and his deputies shall execute the said place of a comptroller in relation unto the said premises, according to such instructions and directions as are given to the comptroller for the receipts of Bishops Lands; by an Ordinance of Parliament of the sixteenth of *November*, one thousand

six hundred forty six. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That the house in the *Old Iury London*, called Sir *Richard Gurneys* house, or some such other place as the said Trustees shall think fitting, shall be the place where the said several and respective persons shall and may transact the said service, and put in execution this *Act*: And be it lastly enacted and ordained, That the said Trustees do forthwith cause this present *Act* to be printed and published. Provided also, and be it enacted and ordained, that no person or persons who have or hath any debt transferred from either of the securities aforesaid; his or their *Assignee* or *Assignees*, being a purchaser within this *Act*, shall have allowance of such debt by the Trustees, Register Accomptant, or Treasurers aforesaid in part of the moneys to be paid for the purchase of the premises, under the rate of fifteen yeers purchase of Lands in possession, and for reversion in proportion thereunto, unless such person or persons, his or their *Assignee* or *Assignees*, shall first advance the like sum in ready money by way of doubling in such sort as other persons by this *Act* have liberty to do. Provided also, and it is further enacted and declared, that the respective purchasers of the Mannors and Lordships of the late *Dean and Chapters*, their *Heirs* and *Assignes*, and respective purchasers of the Mannors and Lordships of the late *Arch-bishops & Bishops* their *Heirs* and *Assignes*, shall be, and are hereby made, constituted, and adjudged lawful Patrons of the respective adyowsons and Benefices, with cure, within any of the Mannors and Lordships so by them purchased,

Transferred debts not allowed without doubling the like sum.

chased, or which shall hereafter be purchased, in as ample manner to all intents and purposes, as the said Deans and Chapters, and the said Arch-bishops and Bishops respectively at any time were since the third of *November*, in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred and forty, until the Parliament shall take further order: Provided, that for the countenancing and advancing of the profession of reformed Religion, The Commons of *England* in Parliament assembled, do Enact and Ordain, That the *French Congregation* in and about the ^{St. Anthonies} City of *London*, shall have and enjoy the Chappel ^{Hospital for} formerly called *Saint Anthonies Hospital* in *Thred-needlers street*, and now commonly called the *French Church in London*, to meet in for Religious worship. And be it further Enacted, That the Trustees named in this Act, their Heirs and Assigns, shall stand and be seized of the reversion of a house adjoining to the said Chappel, now in the possession of one Master *Swain*, his Assignee or Assignees, to the use of such person or persons as from time to time shall be Minister or Ministers of the said Congregation, and no longer; and such Minister, or Ministers shall have, hold, and enjoy the same as aforesaid, and not otherwise; and that the Deacons of the said *French Congregation* for the time being, shall have and receive for the use of the poor belonging to the said Congregation, all the Rent and Rents now issuing out of the premises Provided also, that the House wherein Doctor *Steward* late Prebend of *Westminster* lived, and adjoining to the Abby of *Westminster*, with the appurtenances

thereof, shall be, and hereby is settled and vested in the Trustees herein named, and in the Survivors of them, and in the Heirs and Assigns of the Survivor of them for ever, for the use of the Serjeant at Arms attending the Parliament for the time being, to be held and enjoyed by him as incident to his Office, in as ample manner as the Deans and Chapter of *Westminster*, their Assigns or under-Tennants heretofore have, or lawfully might have enjoyed the same. Provided, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the dwelling houses and gardens settled by the Committee appointed by Ordinance of Parliament for the College of *Westminster*, upon the two Ministers that Preach on the Lords days in the Abby Church there.

Die Lunæ, 30 April, 1649.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, that this Act be forthwith Printed and Published.

Hen. Scobel Cler. Parliament.

Die Mercurii, 20 Junii, 1649.

BE it Enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That *Philip Earl Pem-
brook, Edward Lord Howard of Effcreek,
Lord Gray, William Lord Monson, Sir Willi-
am Masham, Sir Arthur Heselrigg Baronets, Sir Peter
Wentworth Knight of the Bath, Sir John Beachier,
Sir William Brereton, Sir John Davers, Sir James
Harrington, Sir Thomas Wroth, Sir William Allanson
Knights, Cornelius Holland, Robert Reynolds, Fran-
cis Allen, Thomas Fury, William Say, Edmund Har-
vey, Thomas Scot, James Challenor, Nicholas Love,
John Dove, John Ven, John Carew, Augustine Gar-
land, William Stevens, Boon, John Jones,
John Corbet, William White, Nicholas Leechmeer,
Miles Corbet, Thomas Lister Esquires, Isaac Penning-
ton, Thomas Atkin, and Rowland Wilson, Aldermen
of the City of London; Augustine Skinner, Abraham
Burrel, George Thompson, Nathaniel Rich, John
Goodwin, Luke Hodges, Robert Aldworth, John Feild-
er, Humphrey Edwards, and Nicholas Gold shall be a
Committee for removing Obstructions in the sale of
the Lands of the late Archbishops and Bishops, ac-
cording to the power and authority mentioned, ex-
pressed and contained in an Ordinance of Parlia-
ment,*

ment, of the twenty first of *November*, one thousand six hundred forty eight, in that Case made; And the said Committee, or any five or more of them, are hereby impowered and authorized to do, execute, and put in execution all the powers and authorities that are mentioned and contained in the said Ordinance, as fully to all intents and purposes, as the Committee named in the said Ordinance might have done: And all and every person and persons to whom the said Ordinance doth extend, are hereby required and enjoined to observe the Orders and directions of the said Committee, or any five or more of them, concerning the Premises. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That the aforesaid Committee shall likewise be a Committee for removing Obstructions in the sale of the Lands of the Deans, Deans and Chapters, according to the powers and authorities mentioned and contained in an Ordinance of Parliament, of the twenty first of *November*, one thousand six hundred forty eight, for removing Obstructions in the sale of the Lands of the late Archbishops and Bishops: And that the said Committee or any five or more of them, are hereby likewise impowered and authorized, in relation to the said service, to do, execute, and put in execution, all and every the powers and authorities mentioned and contained in the said Ordinance, as fully to all intents and purposes, as the Committee named in the said Ordinance might have done; And the Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, Comptroller, and all other persons employed in or about the

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Premises are hereby required and enjoined to observe the Orders and Directions of the said Committee concerning the Premises.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Committee, or any five, or more of them, shall be, and are hereby Impowered and Authorized to do, execute, and put in execution, the powers and authorities relating to a Committee of Parliament, mentioned and contained in the A^t for the abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other Offices and Titles of or belonging to any Cathedral or Collegiate Church or Chappel in *England* or *Wales*.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That the Trustees for the Lands of the Deans, Deans and Chapters, named in the said A^t, or any five or more of them, shall convey the Premises, or any part thereof, unto any Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, according to such particular as shall be certified unto them under the hand of the Register or his Deputy.

And whereas by the said A^t, the Trustees for the said Land, their Heirs and Assigns stand seized of the Reversion of a certain House in *Thred-needle street London*, in the possession of one Master *Swain*, or his Assigns, to the use of such person or persons, as shall be Preacher or Preachers of the *French Church* in *London*, Be it Enacted, that the aforesaid Clause in the said A^t shall be void.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, That the said Trustees, their Heirs and Assigns shall stand

stand and be seized of the Reversion of an House in
Thred-needle street London, in the possession of Ma-
 ster *Stint* or his *Assignee* or *Assignees*, to the use of
 such person or persons as shall from time to time be
 Minister or Ministers of the said *French Church* in
London, according to the intent of the said Act.

Hen. Scobel, Cler. Parliamentorum:

Die

Die Veneris, 8. Junii, 1649.

An Act for providing maintenance
for Preaching Ministers, and
other Pious Uses.

WHereas it hath been found by long experience, That the Government of the *Church of England* by Arch-bishops, Bishops, their Chancellors, and Commissaries, Deans, Deans & Chapters, Arch-Deacons, and other their Officers depending on that Hierarchy, hath been a great impediment to the perfect Reformation and growth of Religion, and very prejudicial to the Civil State and Government of the Common-wealth; and therefore hath been by authority of Parliament abolished and taken away, and all their Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, appointed to be sold, for the payment of the just debts of the Common-wealth, and other necessary charges occasioned by the late Civil War, promoted mainly by, and in favour of the said Hierarchy; saving and excepting all Tythes appropriate, Oblations, Obventions, Portions of Tythes appropriate, of or belonging to the said Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deans, and Deans and

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served for Min-
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Chapters, and others of the said Hierarchy, and to all and every of them; all which, together with Twenty thousand pounds yearly Rent belonging to the said King and Crown of *England* hereafter mentioned, The Commons assembled in Parliament have thought fit to be reserved and settled for a competent maintenance of Preaching Ministers, in such Cities, Towns & places where it is wanting throughout *England* and *Wales*: Be it therefore Enacted, And it is Enacted and Ordained by this present Parliament, and by the Authority thereof, That all Tythes appropriate, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes appropriate, Offerings, Fee-farm Rents, issuing out of Tythes of the said Arch-bishops and Bishops, the said Deans, Deans and Chapters, and others of the said Hierarchy, with all and every their appurtenances, of what nature and quality soever they be, which at any times within ten years before the beginning of this present Parliament were belonging to them, or any of them, which they or any of them had, held, and enjoyed in the right of his or their Arch-bishopricks or Bishopricks, Deanaries, Dignities, Offices and Functions or places respectively; together with all Charters, Deeds, Books, Accompts, Rolls, and other Writings and Evidences whatsoever, concerning the Premises, or any of them belonging thereunto, shall from and after the sixth day of *January*, which shall be in the year 1649, be vested and settled, adjudged and deemed to be, and are hereby in the real and actual possession and seisin of Sir *Henry Holcroft Knight*, Sir *John Tho-
rowgood*
Trustees.

rowgood of Kensington Knight, William Steel Esq; John Coke Esq; Francis West Esq; Lieutenant of the Tower, Henry Danvers Esq; John Brown Esquire, George Cooper Esq; Mr. Richard Read, Mr. Richard Tong, William Skinner Esq; Nicholas Marten Esq; and Mr. John Pocoke, their Heirs and Assigns. And they the said Sir Henry Holcroft, Sir John Thorrowgood, Will: Steel, John Coke, Francis West Lieutenant of the Tower, Henry Danvers, John Brown, George Cooper, Mr. Richard Read, Mr. Richard Tong, William Skinner Nicholas Marten, and John Pocoke, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and their heirs and assigns, shall have, hold, possess and enjoy, all the said premises to them, their heirs and assigns, without any Entry or other Act whatsoever, and for themselves, their Leasees, Farmers and Tenants, discharged and acquitted of all Titles, Troubles and Incumbrances as freely, and in as large, ample and beneficial manner, to all intents and purposes, as any of the persons or Corporations, whose Offices or places by any Ordinance or Act of this present Parliament are taken away and abolished, did hold or enjoy, or of right ought to have held or enjoyed, at any time by the space of ten years before the beginning of this Parliament, or at any time since, any Order or Ordinance, Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And whereas by Act of Parliament, made the six and twentieth year of the Reign of the late King Henry the eighth, concerning First fruits of all Ecclesiastical Dignities and Livings, payable to the Crown, and also concerning one yearly Rent

Possession
without entry.



First fruits and
Tenths.

of Pension, amounting to the value of the tenth part of all the Revenues, Rents, Tythes and other profits, as well Spiritual as Temporal, belonging to any Archbischoprick, Bishoprick, Abbacy, Monastry, Priory, Archdeaconry, Deaconry, Cathedral and Collegiate Church, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chantry, or other Benefice or promotion Spiritual, in *England* and *Wales*, payable yearly to the King and his Successors; which said *Act of Parliament* is revived and continued by another *Act of Parliament* made *primo Eliz.* for restitution of First-fruits and tenths to the Crown, with some alterations and additions; and also repealing other *Acts of Parliament*, touching the said First-fruits and Tenth; and by the said Statute, uniting and annexing the same to the Crown Imperial of the Kingdom of *England* for ever; which Office and Kingship is abolished by an *Act of this present Parliament*: be it therefore ordained and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the said First-fruits and Tenth, as well Spiritual as Temporal, payable or intended to be paid by virtue of the said *Acts of Parliament* of *viceximo sexto Henrici 8.* and *primo Elizabethe*, or either of them, or by virtue of any other *Act of Parliament* made since that time, concerning First-fruits and Tenth, payable unto any Kings or Queens of *England*, other then such First-fruits and Tenth as are chargeable upon, or issuing out of any Lands or Possessions heretofore belonging to any Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, or other persons depending on that Hierarchy, whose Offices and Titles by any *Act or Ordinance* of

of this present Parliament are abolished and taken away, shall be, and are hereby vested and settled, adjudged and deemed to be, and are hereby in the very real and actual possession and seisin of Sir *Henry Holcroft*, and the rest of the abovenamed Trustees, their Heirs and Assigns; and they the said Trustees, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and their Heirs and Assigns, shall have, hold, possess and enjoy all the said First-fruits and Tents (except before excepted) with their appurtenances, to them, their Heirs and Assigns, as freely, and in as large, ample and beneficial manner, to all intents and purposes, as the late King at any time during his Reign held and enjoyed the same, any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Nevertheless, in trust and confidence, and to the intent and purpose that they the said Sir *Henry Holcroft*, Sir *John Thorowgood*, *William Steel*, *John Coke*, *Francis West*, Lieutenant of the Tower, *Henry Danvers*, *John Brown*, *George Cooper*, Mr. *Richard Read*, Mr. *Richard Tong*, *William Skinner*, *Nicholas Marten*, and Mr. *John Pocoke*, or any five or more of them, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, his and their Heirs and Assigns, shall in the first place satisfy or pay yearly, all such Sallaries, Stipends, Allowances and Provisions, as have been limited or appointed for preaching the Gospel, Preaching-Ministers, or School-Masters or others in *England* and *Wales*, settled or confirmed by Ordinance or Order of Parliament, and afterwards such provisions, settlements, yearly allowances and augmentations, as have been made or confirmed by authority derived

from this *Parliament*, for preaching Ministers or School-Masters, for so long time, and in such manner, as in and by the authority of *Parliament* is limited, ordered and appointed; or until the *Parliament* shall otherwise order, direct and appoint the same, any Act or Acts, or Ordinance of *Parliament* to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: for which

18000. l. a year purposes the sum of eighteen thousand pounds *per annum*, of the said twenty thousand pounds, shall be disposed of and employed in lieu of such augmentation or maintenance, as hath been by authority of *Parliament* settled or given to, or for the maintenance of them out of the Lands of the Deans and Chapters

and Chapters Lands.

18000. l. a year of the 20000. l. a year in lieu of augmentations out of Deans and Chapters Lands. 2000. l. a year for heads of the Universities. 10000. l. a year for augmentation of the Masterships of Colledges in both Universities of this Nation, where maintenance is not sufficient: And the said Trustees or any five or more of them, their Heirs and Assigns, shall dispose of all and singular the aforesaid Tythes, First-fruits and Tents, and of every part and parcel thereof, with their appurtenances, and of the Revenues, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, to the uses, intents and purposes before expressed; and also for the maintenance of

preaching Ministers throughout *England* and *Wales*, in

in such places where such maintenance is wanting, in such manner and form, and to such persons, and for such other good uses, to the advancement of ^{Further use for} Piety and Lear-^{ing as the} true Religion, and the maintenance of Piety and Learning, as by this or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, now or hereafter to be made, shall be set down and declared, and not otherwise, nor to any other intent, use or purpose whatsoever, nor to grant any Lease or Estate of any the said Tythes, and other the Premises, or any part thereof, for above six years in possession and in being, ^{In possession} receiving ^{Leases for six} years at an im-^{proved Rent.} thereupon a yearly Rent to the full value thereof, and that all Leases, Gifts, Grants, Conveyances, Assurances and Estates whatsoever, hereafter to be made by the said Trustees, the Survivors and Survivor of them, or the greater part of them, his and their Heirs and Assigns, other then as aforesaid, shall be utterly void and of none effect, to all intents constructions and purposes, any thing in this Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That the several and respective Receivers of the Revenue of this Common-wealth, for the respective Counties in *England* and *Wales*, shall be, and are hereby required and authorized to receive the said First-fruits and Tents, as well Temporal as Ecclesiastick, and the same from time to time to pay in to the Exchequer; and if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay in his and their First-fruits and Tents, as usual-^{Barons of the} ^{Exchequer to} ^{proceed against} ^{detainers of first} ^{fruits and} ^{Tents as in} ^{like cases.} ly they have done, That then the Barons of the Exchequer are hereby enabled and authorized to issue out the like Proces, and to proceed in like manner against

against such persons, as in like cases they do against others.

First-fruits and
Tenths to be
issued to such
as the Trustees
or any five shall
authorize.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, That the Committee of the Revenue, and such other person or persons, who have or shall have the issuing out of such moneys as shall be paid in to the Exchequer, are hereby required and enjoyned from time to time to issue out and pay the said First-fruits and Tenths, to such person or persons as the said Trustees, or any five or more of them shall authorize to receive the same, and not to any other use, person or persons whatsoever.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That if it shall so fall out, That all the said First-fruits and Tenths, Spiritual and Temporal, settled and vested by this present Act as aforesaid, shall not be sufficient to make up the full sum of Twenty thousand pounds *per annum*, to be issued out yearly for the uses and purposes before mentioned, That then some other part of the yearly Revenue, payable into the Exchequer, shall be provided, set out and charged yearly to supply the defect and want thereof; saving unto all and every person and persons, their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, Bodies Politique and Corporate, and their Successors, other then the persons and Corporations, and every one of them, whose Office or Offices, Dignity, Place or Places, by any Act or Ordinance of this Parliament are abolished or taken away, his or their Heirs and Successors, All such Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim, Demand, Annuities, Fees, Offices, Rents, and other profits, which they

What falls short
of 20000. a
year out of first
fruits and
Tenths to be
supplied out of
the Exchequer.

Saving of
Rights.

or

or any of them lawfully have, or of right ought to have, or might have had, of, in or to any the Tythes Impropriations, Rents and premises, or of, in or to any part or parcel thereof, in such like manner, form and condition, to all intents and purposes, as if this Act had never been had nor made.

Provided always, That after the expiration of the several and respective Leases of any of the Impropriations, Tythes appropriated, Portions of Tythes appropriated, of or belonging to the late Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other Officers depending upon the said Hierarchy, such quantities and proportions of the said Tythes, as shall and will, together with the present Tythes the Incumbent in such Church or Chappel receives (from which the said Tythes were or are appropriated) make the maintenance of the Incumbent in such Church or Chappel, One hundred pounds by the year; and also the Tythes appropriate of lesser value, though they be not sufficient to make the like maintenance for the Minister as aforesaid, shall be after the expiration of the respective Leases, and are by the authority of this present Parliament, united and annexed to the said respective Churches and Chappels, for the maintenance of a godly and Orthodox Minister in them respectively; and where the Improper Tythes of the said Archbishops and Bishops, hereby annexed to the respective Churches, shall not be sufficient to make up the maintenance of the Minister there One hundred pounds by the year, such quantity and proportion of the surplusage and overplus of the appropriate Tythes

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Tythes or Pensions of the late Bishops, or Rents that shall be reserved upon the same, shall be disposed and paid by the said Trustees or any five of them, for the making up of the maintenance of the Minister in such Church or Chappel One hundred pounds *per annum*, any thing in this present Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And to the intent and purpose that speedy care and course may be taken for providing of a competent maintenance, for supply and encouragement of preaching Ministers in the several Parishes in *England* and *Wales*, Be it likewise Ordained and Enacted, That the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal of *England* for the time being, shall by virtue of this Act have full power & authority, and are hereby authorized and required to award and issue forth several Commissions under the said great Seal, into all and every the Counties and Cities in *England* and *Wales*, to be directed unto such and so many persons, as by the Parliament now assembled shall be nominated, assigned and appointed; thereby authorizing and requiring them, or any five or more of them, and giving them full power and authority, by the Oaths of good and lawful men, as by all other good ways and lawful means, to enquire and find out the true yearly value of all Parsonages and Vicarages presentative, and of all other Spiritual and Ecclesiastical Benefice and Livings, unto which any cure of souls is annexed, lying and being within such Counties and Cities; and of all such particularly to enquire, and to certifie unto the Court of Chancery, what each of them are worth truly and really, by the

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the year, and the Names of the present Incum-bents, Proprietors and Possessors thereof, and of such person and persons as receive the profits, and to whose use, and who supplies the Cure, and what he hath for his Salary, & how many Chappels are be-longing to Parish-Churches, & how situate, and fit to be united within the limits of such Counties and Cities within which they are directed and au-thorized to enquire; and how the several Churches and Chappels are supplyed by Preaching-Ministers, that so course may be taken for providing both for Preaching and for Maintenance, where the same shall be found to be needful and necessary.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the said Trustees, the Survivors and Survivor of them, or the greater part of them, his and their Heirs and Assigns, shall have power, and are hereby author-i-zed to name and appoint such Collectors, Recei-vers, Treasurers, and other Officers as they shall thank fit and convenient, for Collecting, Levy-ing and Receiving of all or any of the said Moneys; as also for issuing out of the same for the purposes a-foresaid, by Warrant under the hands of the said Trustees, their Heirs or Assigns, or any three or more of them, in such manner as they shall think fit and appoint; and to call to an accompa-
Trustees to appoint Officers.

Trustees to take accompa-
on Oath, and to allow Sal-
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to time upon Oath, all such Collectors, Treasu-
lers, and other persons, who shall receive any the
Rents, Moneys and Profits before mentioned, and
to give such fitting and reasonable allowance for the
same, by yearly stipend respectively, or otherwise,
as the said Trustees, or the greater part of them
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shall think fit, and so order and appoint in writing under their hands.

Provided also, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, do not at all extend to adulterate or make void an Act of this present Parliament (Entituled,

Rectory of Burford Oxon. An Act for the settling of the Rectory or Parsonage House of Burford in the County of Oxon, and some of the Glebe-Land, on William Lenthal Esq; now Speaker, and his Heirs) or any thing therein contained, but that the same shall and may remain to the said William Lenthal, his Heirs and Assigns for ever accordingly, Any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Die Veneris, 8 Junii, 1649.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Scobel Cler. Parliament.

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An Additional Act for providing
maintenance for Ministers, and
other Pious Uses.

W hereas by an Ordinance of Parliament of the ninth of October, one thousand six hundred forty and six, entituled, *An Ordinance of this present Parliament, for the abolishing of Arch-bishops and Bishops within the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and for settling of their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees, for the use of the Cimmonwealth*, the Parsonages appropriate, Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes, Parsonages, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels and Donatives in the said Ordinance mentioned, are among other things in the said Ordinance likewise mentioned, vested and settled in the Trustees in the said Ordinance named, their Heirs and Assigns, nevertheless subject to such trust and confidence as the Parliament should appoint and declare; and whereas by an Act of this present Parliament, entituled, *An Act of the Commons of England in Parliament assembled, for the abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, Canons, Prebends, and other Offices and Titles of or belonging to any Cathedral or Collegiate Church or Chappel within England and Wales*, all the Parsonages appropriate, Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes, Parsonages, Re-

Estories, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels and Donatives in the said Act mentioned, are amongst other things in the said Act likewise mentioned, vested and settled in and upon the Trustees named in the said Act, their Heirs and Assigns, upon such Trust and Confidence as in the said Act is contained: And whereas by an Act of this present Parliament, entitled, *An Act, with further Instructions to the Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers and Register, for the sale of the Lands and Possessions of the late Deans, Sub-deans, Deans and Chapters, &c. and for the better and more speedy execution of the former Acts, Ordinances and Instructions made concerning the same*, all Re-estories, Parsonages, Vicarages and Tythes in the said Act mentioned, are amongst other things in the said Act also mentioned, vested and settled in and upon the Trustees in the said Act named, their Heirs and Assigns, upon such trust and confidence as in the said Act is contained: and whereas by an Act of this present Parliament, entitled, *An Act for providing maintenance for preaching Ministers, and other pious uses*, all Tythes appropriate, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes appropriate, Offerings, Fee-farm Rents issuing out of Tythes in the said Act mentioned, are settled and vested from and after the sixth day of January, in the year one thousand six hundred forty and nine, in and upon Sir Henry Holcroft Knight, and other the Trustees in the said Act named, in such manner, and upon such trust and confidence as in the said Act is contained: Now to the end that the aforesaid Trustees in the said last recited Act named, may

may proceed effectually to put in execution the trust in them reposed by the said Act, and by this present Act; and that a just and speedy distribution may be made of the premises, for the maintenance of a preaching Ministry, and other the pious uses in this and the said former Acts specified; Be it Enacted, Ordained and Declared by this present *Parliament*, and by the Authority thereof, That the Trustees named in the aforesaid Ordinance of the ninth of *October*, one thousand six hundred forty and six, and the Trustees named in the aforesaid Act for the abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c: and in the said Act, with further Instructions to the said Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers and Register for the sale of the said Lands and Possessions of the said late Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c. shall be, and are hereby and by the authority of this present *Parliament*, from the sixth of *January*, one thousand six hundred forty and nine, devested of the Possession, Seisin, Fee and Inheritance of all and every the said Parsonages appropriate, Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes appropriate, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels, Donatives, and Fee-farm Rents issuing out of Parsonages, Vicarages and Tythes in the aforesaid Ordinance and Acts mentioned or contained; and hereby be and are discharged of all and every trust of and concerning the same: and that the said Sir *Henry Holcroft* Knight, *Sir John Thorowgood* of *Kensington* Knight, *William Steel* Esq; Recorder of the City of *London*, *John Cook* Esq; *Francis West* Esq; Lieutenant of the Tower. *Henry Danvers* Esq; *John Brown* Trustees for Sale devested.

Brown Esq; George Cooper Esq; Mr. Richard Read,
 Mr. Richard Yong, William Skinner Esq; Nicholas
 Martin Esq; and Mr. John Pocock, Trustees named
 in the aforesaid Act for providing maintenance for
 preaching Ministers, &c. their Heirs and Assigns,
 and the Survivors and Survivor of them and their
 Heirs, shall stand and be seized of all Appropriations,
 Tythes appropriate, Donatives, Oblations,
 Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes, Gleabs
 appropriate, and Fee-farm and other Rents issuing
 out of Parsonages, Vicarages or Tythes of or be-
 longing to the said Archbishops and Bishops, or to
 any Deans, Sub-Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-
 deacon, Prior, Chancellor, Commissary, Chaun-
 ter, Sub - Chaunter, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer,
 Succentor, Precentor, Sacrist, Prebend, Canons,
 Canons Resident, or Non-Resident, Petty Ca-
 non, Vicars Choral, Choristers, Old Vicars and
 New, or any other Officer, or person of or be-
 longing to the said Hierarchy, with their and every of
 their Rights, Members and Appurtenances, or
 which they or any of them had, held or enjoyed, or
 ought to have had, held or enjoyed in right of his
 or their said Dignity, Office, Function or Employ-
 ment, at any time by the space of ten years before
 the beginning of this present *Parliament*, or at any
 time since the said former Ordinance or Acts or any
 thing therein contained; Or any other Act or Or-
 dinance of *Parliament* to the contrary notwithstanding:
 Nevertheless, upon trust and confidence,
 and to the end, intent and purpose, that the said
 Sir Henry Holcroft, Sir John Thorengood, William
 Steel,

Steel, John Cook, Francis West, Henry Danvers, John Brown, George Cooper, Richard Read, Richard Tong, William Skinner, Nicholas Martin and John Pocock, or any five or more of them, their Heirs and Ali- signs, and the Survivors and Survivor of them and their Heirs, shall and do until the four and twentieth day of *June*, which shall be in the year one thou- sand six hundred and fifty, pay and supply out of the Rents, Issues and Profits that shall arise out of the premises for the maintenance of preaching Mi- nisters, the advancement of Learning, and other pious uses in *England* and *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick*, such Augmentations and Allowances, as have been made, settled and confirmed by Ordinance or Order of *Parliament*; and afterwards such Allo- wances and Augmentations as have been made or confirmed by authority derived from the *Parlia- ment*; and shall from and after the said four and twentieth day of *June*, one thousand six hundred and fifty, pay and satisfie such Augmentations and Allowances as shall be made, settled or confirmed by the *Parliament*, or authority derived from them, according to such Directions and Instructions as they shall from time to time have and receive from the *Parliament*, or authority derived from them as aforesaid.

To pay allo-
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afterwards such
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them.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained, that the said Sir *Henry Holcroft*, and the rest of the aforesaid Trustees in whom the premises are hereby vested as aforesaid, or any five or more of them, shall and may, and are hereby enabled from time to time, to make Lease or Leases by Deed indented of the pre- mises,

mises, or any part thereof, which shall not exceed the term of six years from the day of the date of the said Lease or Leases in Possession, and not in Reversion or Remainder; and reserving upon such Lease and Leases of the premises, a reasonable yearly Rent and Rents for the same; for which end the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to nominate and appoint under their Hands and Seals when they shall see cause, such person and persons as they or any five or more of them shall think meet, to be Sub-Commissioners in the respective Counties of *England* and *Wales*, who shall and may, and are hereby authorized to contract for, set and let the premises or any part thereof, for one or more years, not exceeding seven years in possession, according to such Instructions as they shall from time to time receive in writing from the said Trustees, or any five or more of them.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that all and every such Lease, Leases or Grants made of any of the premises by the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall be good and effectual in Law to all intents and purposes; and that all and every Lessee and Tenant of the premises, or any part thereof, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall have, hold and enjoy the premises that shall be to him or them let and granted as aforesaid, discharged of all Trusts and Accoumpts whereunto the said Trustees are or may be lyable, by virtue of this or the aforesaid Act for maintenance of Ministers; and all Suits and Questions that may arise, or be moved upon pretence of

of letting at under values, and all other claims and demands whatsoever, and of all Incumbrances made by the said Trustees, or by any claiming under them or any of them; and that the said premises shall not be lyable unto, but stand, and shall be free and discharged of and from all manner of Statutes, Judgements, Recognizances, Dowers, Ioyntures, and other Acts and Incumbrances whatsoever, had, made, done or suffered, or to be had, made, done, or suffered by, from or under the said Trustees, or any of them, other then such Leases as shall be by them or any five or more of them made as aforesaid, according to the intent of this Act. And to the end that two thousand pounds a year given for the increase of the maintenance of the Masters and Heads of Houses in the respective Universities within this Nation, by the said A&e, en- tituled, *An Act for providing maintenance for preaching Ministers, and other Pious Uses*, be distributed according to the intent of the said A&t; Be it En- acted and Ordained, That the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, do and shall from time to time pay out the said two thousand pounds a year for the ends aforesaid, according to such Orders and Porportions as they shall receive from the Committee of Parliament for regulating the said U- niversities; in which the said Committee are to have regard unto the number of Houses of Lear- ning in each University, that are fit to have an in- crease of maintenance, and to make an Assignment of maintenance unto them accordingly; Provided it do not exceed one hundred pounds *per annum* to any one of them.

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Leases freed of
Incumbrances.

2000.l. a year
to the heads of
Universities to
be settled by the
Committee for
Universities.

Not to exceed
100.l. a year.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, do and shall pay unto the *Margaret Lecturer of Oxford* for the time being, out of the present Rents, Issues and Profits of the premises, vested in them the said Trustees, four-score pounds *per annum* half yearly, for the maintenance of the Divinity Lecture commonly called the *Margaret Lecture*, in lieu and satisfaction of a Dividend the said Lecturer had as Prebend of the Cathedral Church of *Worcester*.

Arrears from
1 December
1641. for the
poor Members
of the Univer-
sities.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained, That the said Trustees, or any five or more of them shall stand and be possessed of, and are hereby, and by authority of this present *Parliament* authorized and appointed to collect, gather and receive, levy and recover, or cause to be collected gathered, received, levyed and recovered, all arrears of all Rents, sum and sums of money, and other profits whatsoever reserved, issuing or payable out of such of the aforesaid Parsonages appropriate, Tythes and premises which were vested in the Trustees mentioned in the aforesaid *Ordinance of the Ninth of October*, one thousand six hundred forty and six, and became due since the first day of *December*, one thousand six hundred forty and one, until the said ninth day of *October*, one thousand six hundred forty and six; and out of all Parsonages appropriate, Tythes, or any other the premises vested in the Trustees mentioned in the aforesaid *Act, For the abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c.* and becoming due since the said first day of *December*, one thousand six

six hundred forty and one, until the nine and twentieth day of *March*, one thousand six hundred and fifty, which are remaining in the hands of any Tenant, Possessor or Occupier of the said Parsonages and premises, or of any Treasurer, Collector or Receiver thereof, or of any other person or persons whatsoever, and not already particularly disposed of by the *Parliament*, or authority derived from them: and that they the said Trustees or any five or more of them, shall and may by Action, Distress, Information, or by any other lawful ways or means whatsoever, sue for, recover and receive the said arrears, as if they were the lawful and rightful Owners thereof; and call to an accompt all Treasurers, Collectors and Receivers thereof, or of any part thereof, upon trust and confidence, and to the end, intent and purpose, that they the said Trustees or any five or more of them shall and may, and they are hereby appointed and required to dispose thereof, for and towards the relief, maintenance and support of such late Bishops, Deans, Prebendaries, Singingmen, Choristers, and other Members, Officers and persons destitute of maintenance, whose respective Offices, Places and Livelihoods are by the aforesaid Ordinance or Act, or any pursuant Ordinance or *Act of Parliament*, taken away and abolished: distributing and apportioning the same, according to the wants and necessities of such persons, to whom the said disposition shall be made as aforesaid, and according to such further Directions as they shall receive from the *Parliament*, or authority derived from them.

To call to account all receivers for the said Arrears.

Trustees and
Registers for
Bishops and
Deans and
Chapters, to
transmit Evi-
dences, Surveys
and Copies.

Surveys and
Copies to be
delivered upon
Oath.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees appointed by the aforesaid Ordinance for sale of Bishops Lands, and the Trustees appointed by the aforesaid Acts for the sale of Deans and Chapters Lands, &c. or any five or more of them respectively, or the respective Registers appointed by any Ordinance or Act of Parliament for sale of the said Lands respectively, or their Deputies, do upon the order of any five or more of the said Trustees in this Act mentioned, deliver unto them the said Trustees or any five or more of them, all Deeds, Charters, Evidences and Writings concerning the premises only; and the said Registers and their Deputies respectively shall transmit the particular Surveys of the aforesaid Appropriations, Tythes and premises to them returned or remaining with them respectively, or which shall be hereafter returned to them or any of them respectively, or true Copies under the hands of the respective Registers or their Deputies, of such Surveys as are or shall not be distinctly returned, and severed from the particulars of other the Lands and Revenues by them the said Trustees respectively sold or to be sold, unto the aforesaid Trustees, in whom the aforesaid Appropriations and premises are hereby vested, or any five or more of them; which Surveys and Copies respectively, shall be delivered in upon the Oathes of the said Registers or their Deputies respectively, to be the Surveys which were returned; or true Copies thereof; and which Oath the said Trustees or any three or more of them have hereby power to administer in such cases

cases as they shall think fit. And be it further Enacted and Ordained, that the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall and may from time to time under their Hands and Seals, nominate and appoint, and place and displace such person and persons to be Treasurers, Receivers and Collectors of all Rents, Issues and Profits that shall arise out of any of the premises vested in them the said Trustees by virtue of this or the aforesaid Act, entituled, *An Act for providing maintenance for preaching Ministers, and other Pious Uses*; and also such other Officers as they or any five or more of them shall think fit and necessary to carry on the said Service, and to allow and pay unto the said respective Treasurers, Receivers and other Officers employed by them out of the Profits and Revenues in them vested, such Fees and Salaries as shall be allowed of by the *Parliament*, or authority derived from them: And that they the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall and may defray such incident charges and expences as shall be necessary for the due execution of the premises, out of the said Rents and Revenues as aforesaid, and shall be allowed by the *Parliament*, or authority derived from them. And to the end that a just & true accompt of the premises may from time to time be given and kept, the said Trustees, or any five or more of them are hereby authorised if they shal see cause to call all Treasurers, Receivers and Collectors, and other persons employed by them for receiving the said Rents, Revenues and premises hereby, or by the aforesaid Act for providing maintenance for Preaching Ministers, vested

Trustees to appoint Officers.

Officers Salaries to be allowed by Parliament.

Incident charges.

Officers to account to the Trustees upon Oath.

vested in them or any part thereof, to an accompt upon Oath, which Oath they the said Trustees, or any three or more of them are hereby enabled to administer; and the said parties accompts thereupon to Examine and State, and upon clearing thereof, to give such person and persons a full discharge for the same: and if Treasurer, Receiver or Collector of the said Arrears and premises, or any part thereof, shall refuse to give an accompt to the said Trustees, or any three or more of them; or shall refuse to pay unto them such Moneys as shall appear upon accompt, or otherwise to be in his or their Hands,

Trustees to give a discharge to accompts.

that then in both the said Cases the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall and may under their Hands and Seals certifie the name or names of the person or persons so refusing as aforesaid, to the Barons of the Exchequer, which said Certificate shall be a sufficient Warrant for the said Barons to issue out Process; and the said Barons are hereby thereupon required to issue out Process, and proceed against such Offenders, as they do against other Receivers of the Publique Revenue in the like cases.

Officers to be proceeded against by the Barons on certificate from the Trustees.

And be it further Enacted, that if any Action or Suit shall be brought or prosecuted against the present Trustees, or any of them, or against any person or persons doing or performing any thing, by, from or under them, for or by reason of any act or thing done in execution of this Act, or the said Act, entituled, *An Act for providing maintenance for Preaching Ministers, and other Pious Uses*; or of any other Act or Instructions made, or hereafter to be made by authority of Parliament, that they and every

try of them shall and may in any such case plead the General Issue, and give this or the aforesaid Acts, or either of them, or any future Act or Instructions to be given by authority of *Parliament*, in Evidence; and if Judgement pass against the parties complaining or prosecuting in any such Action or Suit, or that they be *non-suited*, or suffer any discontinuance, that in every such case the parties Defendants and prosecuted, shall have and recover double costs, to be awarded by the Judge or Judges of the Court where such Action or Suit shall be depending. And to the end that there may be a due and just distribution of the aforesaid Rents and Revenues for the maintenance of Preaching Ministers, and other the Pious Uses hereby, and by the aforesaid Act, entitled, *An Act for maintenance of Preaching Ministers, and other pious uses*, intended; Be it further Enacted and Ordained, that the Committee for regulating the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, shall be, and are hereby appointed a Committee to receive what former augmentations and allowances have been granted by the *Parliament*, or any authority derived from them, to any Minister, Lecturer or Schoolmaster; and where they or any five or more of them shall find any augmentations or allowance granted to any person or persons not deserving the same, or where there is a convenient maintenance otherwise, or where the augmentation is too great, in such cases to make such abatements or discharge of the said augmentations or allowances respectively, from and after the 24. of *June*, one thousand six hundred and fifty, as they the said Committee,

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the Universities
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or any five or more of them shall think fit: and to give unto the said Trustees such Rules and Directions, after what rate and proportion they shall grant any further augmentations or allowance to and for the maintenance of Preaching Ministers and School-masters, within such Towns, Parishes and Chapelries which shall stand in need of the same, as they the said Committee, or any five or more of them shall think fit and requisite: which the said Trustees are thereupon required to augment and allow accordingly, out of the accrewing Rents and Revenues hereby, and by the aforesaid Act in them vested as aforesaid; and to allow such Fees and Salaries to the respective Officers employed by the said Trustees, or any five or more of them: and also such other incident charges and expences before mentioned, as they the said Committee or any five or more of them shall think fit.

Provided, that this Act shall not extend to the vesting in the said Trustees any Gleab lands, or parcel of Gleab Lands, or Fee-farm Rents, issuing out of Tythes of or belonging to the said Arch-Bishops or Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, or other persons mentioned in the aforesaid Ordinance or Acts, which any purchaser of any the respective premises, or any part thereof, hath contracted for, and hath the same contained in any Deed of the premises or any part thereof, from the said respective Trustees in the said Ordinance or Acts named; or which hath been granted to any person or persons by any Act or Ordinance of *Parliament*, but that the said purchasers shall have, hold and enjoy the same to them their Heirs

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Heirs and Assigns respectively. Provided, that this Act shall not extend to the vesting in the said Trustees, the Advowson or Right of Patronage or Presentation, of or to any Church or Chappel with Cure, within any of the Manors or Lordships of any the said Arch-Bishops and Bishōps, Deans, Deans and Chapters, or other persons which by the said Act for sale of Deans and Chapters Lands are settled in the respective purchasers of them, but that they shall be, remain and continue unto the said purchaser, in as large and ample manner, as in and by the said Act is limited and declared; Nor to the vesting in them such Tythes as are united to any Church or Chappel within the said Act for the maintenance of a preaching Minister in them respectively. Provided also, that this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to any College, Church, Corporation, Foundation or House of Learning in either of the Universities within this Common-wealth; Nor to the Revenues of any publicke Professor or Reader in either of the said Universities, that are not provided for by this Act; Nor to the Foundation of the Schools of *Winchester* or *Eaton*. Provided also, that this Act shall not extend or be construed so to settle any Augmentations or Allowance upon any person or place, for any longer time then he or they shall be by the Parliament, or authority derived from them respectively, judged fit and worthy to have and receive the same. Provided also, that the said Trustees shall not intermeddle with the Rents, Issues and Profits of any the Impropriations and Revenues of *North-Wales*.

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Universities.

Winchester and
Eaton.

4. Northern
Counties.

• Hanley Castle.

Wales, and South-Wales, mentioned in an Act of this present Parliament, entituled, *An Act for the better propagation and preaching of the Gospel in Wales, and redress of some Grievances*; nor of any of the Impropriations and Reyenues within the Counties of *Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland and Durham*, mentioned in one other Act of this present Parliament, entituled, *An Act for the better propagating the Gospel in the four Northern Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland and Durham*, during the continuance of the said several Acts. Provided also, and be it further Enacted and Ordained, that certain parcels of Gleab-Lands in the Parish of *Hanley Castle* in the County of *Worcester* hereafter mentioned, parcel of the impropriate Rectory of *Hanley Castle* aforesaid, and heretofore belonging to the late dissolved Bishoprick of *Worcester*; that is to say, four Acres of Meadow, known by the name of *Easmore*, and nine Acres of Arrable Land lying in a field, called *Lechmeres Field*, now in the possession of *Nicholas Lechmere Esq;* for the term of three Lives yet in being; which said four Acres and nine Acres lie intermixt with the Lands of Inheritance of him the said *Nicholas Lechmere*, be granted, vested, settled and established to, in and upon him the said *Nicholas Lechmere*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said *Nicholas Lechmere*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever; he the said *Nicholas Lechmere* first paying for the same Reversion and the present Rent, so much money as shall be agreed on by the said Trustees or any five or more

more of them, to the uses, intents and purposes in this Act before specified. Provided, that this Act shall continue in force until the six and twentieth day of *June*, which shall be in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred fifty and three. Provided, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not be construed to extend to the vesting of the said Trustees or any of them, in any Manor or Demesne Lands, parcel of any such Manor, belonging to any Rectory or Parsonage lately appertaining to any late Arch-Bishop, Bishop, Dean, Prebend, or other person or persons, or Bodies Politique, formerly mentioned in this Act to be abolished.

Act to conti-
nue til 26. June
1653.

Manors of Re-
ctories.

Die Veneris, 5 Aprilis, 1650.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Seobel Cler. Parliament.

Die Martis, 31 Julii 1649.

AN ACT

With further Instructions to the Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, and Register for the sale of the Lands and Possessions of the late Deans, Sub-Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c. And for the better, and more speedy execution of the former Acts, Ordinances, and Instructions made concerning the same.

BE it enacted by this present Parliament, and by the Authority of the same; That all and every person and persons, who by an Act of this Parliament, (Entituled, *An Act of the Commons of England in Parliament assembled, For the*

the abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, Canons, Prebends, and other Offices and Titles, of or belonging to any Cashearal or Collegiate Church or Chappel, within England or Wales) are not disabled to hold or use the Place, Function, Office, Title or Stile of Precentor, or any other Title, Stile, Place, Function or Office, of or belonging to any Cathedral or Collegiate Church or Chappel, within *England* or *Wales*, the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, and the Isles of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, or any of them, are, and be from the nine and twentieth day of *March*, in the year of our Lord, 1649. disabled to hold the same, or any such Place, Function, Office, or Stile as aforesaid; And that all Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Parsonages, Vicarages, Advowsons, Donations, Nominations, rights of Patronage, and Presentation, Tithes, Parkes, Commons, Annuities, Rents, Reverriions, Services, Courts Leets, Courts Baron, and other Courts, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, and Immunities, Rights of action and entry, conditions, and all other Possessions, and Hereditaments, with their and every of their appurtenances, of what nature or quality soever they be, which now are, or at any time within ten years before the beginning of this present Parliament of right were belonging to every or any such Precentor, or other person or persons aforesaid; and which they, or any of them had held or enjoyed in right, or by reason of his or their said Place, Function, Office, Title, Stile, or imployment respectively; together with all Charters, Deeds, Court rolls, Accompts, Evidences, and Writings

Precentors disabled to hold the office or title.
 The Mannors, Lands, Rectories, Parsonages &c. the Trustees are vested in.

Writings belonging to them, or any of them, which concern the same premises, or any of them, shall be, and are hereby vested and settled, and are hereby adjudged to be, and shall be deemed and taken to bee in the real and actual possession and seisin of Sir *John Wollaston Knight*, *Thomas Noel*, *William Hobson*, *Thomas Arnold*, *Owen Roe*, *Stephen Estwick*, *Robert Titchborn*, *George Langham*, *John Stone*, *Mark Hildsley*, *John White*, *William Wyberd*, *Daniel Taylor*, *William Rolfe*, and *Rowland Wilson* Esquires (Trustees in the said recited Act named) their Heirs and Assigns; And that they the said Trustees, and the Survivor and Survivors of them, and his and their Heirs and Assigns, shall from henceforth hold such of the premises (hereby settled and vested in them) and such of the Mannours, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, by the said recited Act, vested in the said Trustees, and their Heirs, as on the eighth and twentieth day of *March* last past, were holden of any Common person, or persons by the same tenures, Rents and Services, by which the same were then held; And shall from henceforth hold all the rest of the said Mannors, and premises (as well those which are hereby, as those which by the said recited Act, are vested or settled in the said Trustees and their Heirs) of the Mannor of *East Greenwich*, in free and Common Socage, by fealty only, and not by any other tenure or service whatsoever: And that they the said Trustees, and the Survivor and Survivors of them, and his and their heirs shall from henceforth stand seized of all the said Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments,

ments, and other things hereby or by the said recited Act vested in them, and their Heirs as aforesaid (except Rectories, Parsonages, Vicarages, and such other things as in the said Act are excepted) to the uses, intents, and purposes herein, and hereafter declared, and not upon any other trust, nor to any other use, intent, or purpose whatsoever that is to say) that out of the money which shall be raised by the sale of such of the premises as shall be sold, and out of the Rents, Revenues, issues, and profits of the premises which shall grow due before such sale : The several sums of money, which hereby, or by the said Act are, or are intended to be paid and satisfied ; together with all charges to be paid or born, for or by reason of the execution of the trust in them reposed (and not otherwise provided for) may be paid and satisfied ; and after the same shall be made and satisfied, They, and the Survivors, and Survivor of them, his and their heirs shall stand seised of the residue of the premises, then remaining undisposed of, for the use and benefit of the Commonwealth, as by the Parliament shall be appointed. And it is hereby further enacted, in all things (not hereby otherwise directed) which concern the premises hereby vested or settled in the said Trustees, and their Heirs, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof, or which have reference thereunto, as in and by the said recited Act, and such other Acts and Instructions as have been since that made, or given ; it is enacted concerning the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other things by the said first recited Act vested, or settled in the said Trustees,

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and their Heirs, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof, or any other thing in reference thereunto; and that the said Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, and Register respectively, and all Purchasers and other whom it doth or shall concern, shall have the like Powers, Priviledges, and Authorities in all things, and are hereby authorized, and impowered, to have and do, all such, and the like Acts and things, in reference to the premises hereby vested, or settled in the said Trustees, and their Heirs, and the Rents, Issues and profits thereof, in the like sort, as they have, or may do by force of the said other Acts and Instructions, in reference to the premises by the said first recited Act, vested or settled in the said Trustees and their Heirs, and the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof.

Ordered that this Act be forthwith Printed and Published.

Hen. Scobel Cleric. Parliament.

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AN ACT
 For selling the
 Fee-farm Rents,
 Belonging to the Common-wealth
 of *England*.

*Formerly payable to the Crown of
 England, Dutchy of Lancaster,
 and Dutchy of Cornwal.*

FOR supply of the Assessments late abated by Parliament, preventing of Free-quarter, carrying on of the War of *Ireland*, and for supplying the extraordinary expences of the Navy this present year, and other emergent affairs of this Common-wealth, Be it Enacted by this present Parliament, and by authority thereof, That all the Fee-farm Rents, Tents or Rents reserved, Dry-rents, Hundreds, Liberties, Bailywicks, Reservati-ons, Conditions, Franchises and Pentions, other

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then such Tents and Pentions as are settled upon Trustees by the Act entituled, *An Act for providing Maintenance for Preaching Ministers, and other Pious Uses*, issuing out of any Manors, Lands, Tenements or other Hereditaments being within *England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed*, belonging to the Common-wealth of *England*, and heretofore due and payable unto any King or Queen of *England*, Prince of *Wales*, Duke of *Lancaster*, Duke of *Cornwall*, Earl of *Chester*, or any of them, and not lawfully granted away from them, or by them, according to the Laws of this Nation, at or before the first day of *January*, *Anno Dom.* One thousand six hundred forty and one, be and are hereby vested, settled, adjudged and deemed to be, and are hereby in the real and actual possession and *Seisin* of *Thomas Coke of Pedmarsh in the County of Essex*, Esq; *William Boscovile Esq*; *John Sparrow of Gestrop in the County of Essex*, Esq; *William Kenrick of* in the County of *Kent*, Esq; *Ralph Harrison of the City of London*, Esq; *William Scot of the Inner - Temple London*, Esq; *William Steel Esq; Recorder of London*, *Silvanus Taylor of Westminster*, Esq; *Thomas Hubbard of Moorfields in the County of Middlesex*, Esq; *Cornelius Coke of the Borough of Southwark*, Esq; *Sir Henry Holcroft of Longacre in the County of Middlesex*, *John Hunt of London Gent*. *Sir Edward Barkham Baronet*, *Sir William Roberts*, *John Humphreys Esq*; *Thomas Ayres Esq*; *John White Esq*; *James Stockal Esq*; *Edward Cresset Gent*. *Sir Richard Saltonstal Knight*, *Daniel Searl Merchant*, *Nicholas Lampriere Esq*; *Nicholas*

Nicholas Bond Esq; Richard Sidenham Esq; and Robert Fenwick Esq; the Survivors and Survivor of them, their Heirs and Assigns, Any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Die Luna, undecimo Martii, 1649.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Scobel Cler. Parliament.

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An Act,

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The better Propagation and Preaching of the Gospel in *Wales*, and redress of some Grievances.

THE Parliament of *England* taking into their serious consideration the great Duty and Trust that lies on them to use all lawful ways and means for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this Common-wealth, in order thereunto, Do Enact and Ordain, and be it Enacted and Ordained by this present Parliament, and by the Authority thereof, That Col: *Thomas Harrison*, Col: *Philip Jones*, Col: *John Jones*, Sir *John Trevor Knight*, *Henry Herbert Esq*; *William Herbert*, *William Packer*, *William Blethyn*, *Christopher Catchmay*, *Reece Williams*, *John Nicholas*, *Edward Herbert*, *Robert Jones*, *Bassey Mansel*, *Edward Prichard*, *John Price*, *Rowland Dawkins*, *William Bote-ler*, *Edward Stradling*, *John Herbert*, *Richard Jones*, *Jenkin Frainlyn*, *John Iames*, *Wroth Rogers*, *John Her-ring*, *Stephen Winthrop*, *Esqs*; Sir *Erasmus Philips*, *Sampson Lort*, *Henry Williams*, *Silvanus Taylor*, *Richard King*, *John Williams*, *John Dancy*, *Thomas Wat-kins*,

Commissioners.

kins, James Philips, John Lewis, William Barber, Esqs; John Daniel, John Bowen Gent. John Puleston one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, Humphrey Mackworth, William Littleton, Robert Duckenfield, Thomas Baker, Hugh Price, Evan Lloyd, Richard Price, Robert Griffith, Edward Owens, George Twisleton, John Carter, Thomas Mason, Lighton Owens, Rice Vaughan, Thomas Ball, Hugh Courtney, Edward Taylor, Roger Soutley, Esqs; Daniel Lloyd, David Morris, William Wynne, Gentlemen; Thomas Swift Esq; Hugh Prichard Gent. John Sadler, John Peck, Luke Lloyd, Andrew Ellis, Ralph Crecley, Esq; Lewis Price of Llanoonog, Henry Williams, John Brown, Gent. are hereby constituted and appointed to be Commissioners in the Counties of Montgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Carnarvan, Merioneth, Anglesey, Monmouth, Glamorgan, Pembroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknock and Radnor, and every of them, to put in execution the several powers and authorities herein hereafter mentioned and directed (that is to say) That they the said Commissioners or any five or more of them, shall have full power and authority, and are hereby enabled and authorized to receive all articles or charges which shall be exhibited against any Parson, Vicar, Curate, Schoolmaster, or any other now having, or that shall have any Ecclesiastical benefit or promotion within the said counties or any of them, for any Delinquency, Scandal, Malignancy, or non-Residency; and upon such Articles so exhibited, to grant out Warrants in writing under the Hands & Seals of the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, to be directed to the party against whom

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whom such Articles shall be exhibited, requiring his appearance before such Commissioners, at a certain day and place in the said Warrant mentioned, to answer the said Charge or Articles respectively; and after notice of the said Warrant personally made or given to the said party Articled against, or left at his dwelling House or ordinary place of abode, and that notice proved by Oath to be made by the space of ten days before the day of appearance in the said Warrant mentioned (no just cause being made and proved to excuse the not appearing) and likewise after answer made by such as shall appear according to summons, Then the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, are hereby enabled and authorized to proceed to examination of witnesses upon Oath; the said Examinations and Depositions of such Witnesses to be put in writing, as well on the behalf of the Common-wealth to prove such Charges and Articles, as on the behalf of the parties articled against to make good their answers; which Oaths the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them, have hereby power to administer: And after due examination and proof made by confession of the party complained of, or by the Oath of two credible Witnesses, actually to amove, discharge and eject all such Ministers and other persons from their respective Cures, Benefices, Places and Charges, as they the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, upon such hearing shall adjudge to be guilty of any the Crimes aforesaid, in the said Articles contained and comprised; and after such Judgement given, in case any person shall find

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find himself aggrieved with such Judgement so given, Then it shall and may be lawful, to and for any twelve or more of the said Commissioners, upon Petition preferred to them by the party grieved, to review, examine and reverse the same, if they or the greater part of them see just cause so to do: And if notwithstanding the said ejected person shall not find relief within six Weeks after his Petition so preferred, Then the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, shall at the request of the parties aggrieved respectively, certifie the respective proceedings and proofs in such cases respectively, to the Committee of Parliament for plundred Ministers; who are hereby authorized, upon the return of such Certificates, and view of such proceedings and proofs, without further examination of Witnesses in such cases, to examine the grounds of the said respective Judgements appealed from, and to affirm or revoke the same, as they shall find it most agreeable to Justice, and the tenor of this Act. And be it further Enacted and Declared, That the said Commissioners or any five or more of them, have hereby power and authority to allow the Wife and Children of such Minister or Ministers so ejected and amoved, for their maintenance, a proportion not exceeding a fifth part of the Living, Parsonage, Benefice, Vicarage, Charge or other place, out of which the said Ministers shall be respectively remov'd (all Parish Charges, publique Taxes, and other Duties being first deducted out of the whole.) And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any Parson or Vicar holdeth or enjoyeth, or which

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which shall hold or enjoy plurality of Benefices or Ecclesiastical Promotions (one or more of which being within the Counties aforesaid) and upon a Warrant directed to him under the Hands of the said Commissioners or any five of them, requiring him at a certain day and place in the said Warrant mentioned, to make choice and elect which of the said Benefices and Ecclesiastical Promotions he desires to hold; and upon notice of the said Warrant, shall not within forty days after the said notice, make his Election, testified under his Hand before five or more of the said Commissioners, which of the said Benefices or Promotions he desires to hold, then from and after such default (no just cause being proved to excuse the same) all his right, title or interest in and to all such Benefices and Promotions to cease, determine and be utterly void. And to the end that godly and painful men, of able gifts and knowledge for the work of the Ministry, and of approved conversation for Piety, may be employed to preach the Gospel in the counties aforesaid (which heretofore abounded in Ignorance and Prophaneness). And that fit persons of approved Piety and Learning, may have encouragement to employ themselves in the education of children in Piety and good literature, Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, be and are authorized and enabled to grant certificates by way of approbation to such persons as shall be recommended and approved of by *Henry Walter, Walter Cradock, Richard Simonds, Roger Charnock, Jenkin Lloid, Morris Bidwel,*

wel, David Walter, William Seaborn, Edmond Ellis, Jenkin Jones, George Robinson, Richard Powel, Thomas Ewen, John Miles, Oliver Thomas, Doctor John Ellis, Ambrose Moston, Stephen Lewis, Morgan Lloyd, William Jones, Richard Edwards, Vavosor Powel, Richard Swain, Rowland Nevet, Ministers of the Gospel, or any five or more of them, for the preaching of the Gospel in the said Counties, as well in settled Congregations and Parochial Charges, as in an Itinerary course, as the said Commissioners (by the advice of such the said Ministers as shall recommend and approve of the said persons respectively) shall adjudge to be most for the advancement of the Gospel, or for the keeping of Schools, and education of children: and to the end that a fitting maintenance may be provided for such persons as shall be so recommended and approved of, as also for such others approvedly godly and painful Ministers now residing within the said Counties, for whose support and maintenance there is little or no settlement made or provided; Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That in order to the said maintenance, and in the regulating, ordering and disposal thereof, they the said Commissioners, or any twelve or more of them, are hereby authorised and enabled by themselves, or others deriving authority from them, to receive and dispose of all and singular the Rents, Issues and profits of all and every the Rectories, Vicarages, Donatives, *sine Cura's*, portion of Tents, and other Ecclesiastical Livings, which now are, or hereafter shall be in the disposing of the Parliament, or any other deriving

riving Authority from them ; as also to receive and dispose of the Rents, Issues and Profits of all Impropriations and Gleab-lands within the said Counties, which now are, or hereafter shall be under Sequestration, or in the disposal of the Parliament, by virtue of any former Statute, or any Act or Ordinance of this present Parliament. And be it further

Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any twelve or more of them, shall and may out of the said Rents, Issues and Profits of the said Rectories, Vicarages, Donatives, *sine Curas*, Portion of Tents, and other Ecclesiastical Promotions ; as also out of the Rents, Issues and Profits of the said Impropriations and Gleab-lands, order and appoint a constant yearly maintenance for such persons as shall be recommended and approved of as aforesaid, for the work of the Ministry, or the education of children ; as also for such other Ministers as aforesaid, now residing within the said Counties ; provided that the yearly maintenance of a Minister do not exceed one hundred pounds, and the yearly maintenance of a School-master exceed not forty pounds ; and that godly Ministers (who have or shall have Wife or Children) may not too much be taken off from their duties in the Ministry, with the care and consideration of maintenance for their Wives and Children after their decease, but that some care thereof may be had by others, whereby a greater encouragement may be given to them to set themselves the closer to the work of the said Ministry ; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners,

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The Commissioners or any twelve of them, to appoint maintenance for Ministers and School-masters.

or any twelve or more of them, are hereby enabled and authorized to make such yearly allowance to the Wife and Children of such godly Minister after his decease, as to the said Commissioners or any twelve of them shall seem reasonable, for the necessary support and maintenance of the said Wife or Children, or any of them; Provided always, That such allowance so to be made to such Wife and Children, do not exceed the yearly sum of ten pounds: And if any person or persons being Tenant or Occupier of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, liable and subject to the payment of any Tents or other Duties, in right payable or belonging to any Parsonage, Vicarage, or any the above-mentioned Ecclesiastical Promotions, shall refuse payment thereof, Then the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them, are hereby authorized and enabled to put in execution against every person and persons so refusing, the powers and authorities vested and settled by this present Parliament in the Justices of the Peace, for the relief of Ministers from whom such Tents and Duties are detained and substracted. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners or any twelve or more of them, out of the said Tents, Rents and Profits by them receiveable by force of this Act, shall and may allow such moderate Salary or Wages to such person or persons who shall be employed in the receiving, keeping and disposal thereof, or any part thereof, as they shall conceive to be necessary and reasonable. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every person and

persons qualified and approved of as abovesaid, for the preaching of the Gospel, who shall be vested and settled by the said Commissioners or any twelve or more of them, in any Rectory, Vicarage or Parochial Charge, which the said Commissioners or any twelve or more of them have hereby power to do, shall be deemed and adjudged to be seized of the same, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if such person and persons were presented, instituted and inducted to and in the same, according to former Laws in such cases used and provided.

Die Veneris, 22 Februarii, 1649.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Scobel Cler. Parliament.

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Passed i Martii, 1649.

AN ACT

For the better Propagating of the
Gospel, in the four Northern
Counties of *Northumberland*,
Cumberland, *Westmerland*, and
Durham.

THE Parliament of *England* taking into
their serious consideration the great duty,
and trust that lies upon them to use all law-
full wayes and means for the propagating of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ in this Common-wealth; in
Order thereunto do Enact, and Ordain, and be it
Enacted and Ordained by this present Parliament,
and by the authority thereof; That *Philip Lord Wharton*, *Edward Lord Howard*, *Sir Henry Vane Senior*, *Sir Arthur Haselrig*, *Sir Henry Vane Junior*, *Sir Thomas Widdrington*, *Sir John Fenwick*, *Sir William Selby*, *Sir George Vane*, *William Ardyn*, *George Fenwick*, *Thomas Haselrig*, *William Vane*, *Francis Wren*, *James Clavering*, *Francis Hacker*, *Francis Allen*,
Commissioners names.

Allen, Gelvare Benson, Robert Lilburn, Robert Hutton, Thomas Fytch, Thomas Chomly, Thomas Craister, Cuthbert Studhelm, Thomas Lamplugh, Thomas Langhorn, Edward Winter, William Monjon, Robert Hutton, John Stoddart, John Crosthwait, Paul Hobson, John Arthur, Roger Bateman, William Fenwick, Ralph Delaval, Thomas Middleton, Michael Welden, William Shafto, Henry Ogle, Luke Killingsworth, Henry Holly, John Ogle of Kirkley, William Sedgwick, John Middleton, Edward Brigs, Richard Brandithwaite Esq; Thomas Bonner, Henry Warmouth, Henry Dawson, George Dawson, Thomas Ledgard, William Dawson of Newcastle Alderman, Richard Crackenthorp, and Thomas Delaval, are hereby constituted and appointed, to be Commissioners in the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and Durham, to put in execution the several powers and authorities herein, herein after mentioned, and directed (that is to say) That they the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, shall have full power, and authority; and are hereby enabled and authorized to receive all Articles or Charges which shall be exhibited against any person, Vicar, Curate, Schoolmaster, or any other now having, or that shall have any Ecclesiastical benefit or promotion, within the said Counties, or any of them, for any Delinquency, Scandal, Malignancy, or non-Residence, and upon such Articles so exhibited, to grant out Warrants in writing under the hands of the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, to be directed to the party against whom such Articles shall be exhibited, requiring his

The Quorum
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To receive Articles against Ministers or School-Masters.

The Misdemeanours inquirable.

his appearance before such Commissioners at a certain day and place in the said Warrant mentioned, to answer the said Articles, or Charges respectively. And after notice of the said Warrant personally made, or given to the said party Articles against, or left at his dwelling house, or ordinary place of abode, and that notice proved by Oath, and no appearance thereupon within ten dayes after such notice, made, given, or left as aforesaid, and likewise after due answers, made by such as shall appear, and answer according to summons: Then the said Commissioners, or any five of them, or more of them, are hereby enabled and authorized, to proceed to examination, and depositions of such witnesses, to put in writing, as well on the behalf of the Common - Wealth, to prove such Charges and Articles, as on the parties Articles against, to make good their answers; which Oaths the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them, have hereby power to administer; and after due examination of Witnesses, and hearing what can be alledged by the parties concerned, or any for them, actually to a- move, discharge, and eject all such Ministers and other persons from their respective cures, benefices, Power to eject. places and charges, as they the said Commissioners, or any five, or more of them, upon such hearing shall adjudg to be guilty of any of the crimes aforesaid; and after such judgement given, all the Right, Title, and Interest of the person, or persons in the cure, benefice, or place from whence he is so ejected, shall cease, be void, and of none effect to all intents, and purposes whatsoever: And if the said ejected

ejected person, or party, persons or parties shall not acquiesce in the said judgment, or determination of the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, then it shall be lawful to and for the said person, or persons so ejected, to appeal unto the Committee of Parliament for Plundred Ministers, who are hereby authorized to send to the said Commissioners to certify their respective examinations, depositions, and proofes in such cases where the said Commissioners are appealed, from who are hereby further authorized upon the return of such examinations, depositions and proofs, without further examination of Witnesses in such cases to examine the grounds of the said respective judgments appealed from, and to affirm or revoke the same, as they shall find it most agreeable to Justice, and the Tenor of this Act.

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And be it further Enacted and Declared, that the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, have hereby power and authority to allow the wife and children of such Minister, or Ministers, so ejected and amoved, for their maintenance, a proportion of the profits not exceeding a fift part of the living, parsonage, benefice, vicaridg, charge, or other place, out of which the said Ministers shall be respectively removed; all Parish charges, publique taxes, and other duties, being first deducted out of the whole.

Pluralists to
make election
which benefice
to hold.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person, or Vicar, holdeth or enjoyeth, or which shall hold or enjoy plurality of benefices, or Ecclesiastical Promotions, (one or more

more of which being within the Counties aforesaid) and upon a Warrant directed to him under the hands of the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, requiring him at a certain day and place in the said Warrant mentioned, to make choice, and elect which of the said Benefices or Ecclesiastical promotions he desires to hold, and upon notice of the said Warrant shall not within forty dayes after the said notice make his election testified under his hand, before five or more of the said Commissioners, which of the said benefices or promotions he desires to hold, then from and after such default, no just cause being proved to excuse the same, all his right, title, and interest, in and to all such benefices and promotions to cease, determine, and be utterly void: And to the end that godly and painful men of able gifts and knowledg for the work of the Ministry, and of approved conversation for piety, may be employed to preach the Gospel in the Counties aforesaid, which heretofore abounded in ignorance and prophanesse; and that fit persons of approved piety and learning, may have encouragement to employ themselves in the education of children in piety and literature.

Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any seven or more of them, be, and are hereby authorized and enabled, to grant certificates by way of approbation to such person or persons as upon the examination of his or their gifts shall be found fit to preach the Gospel of *Jesus Christ* in the said Counties; they calling to their assistance three or more godly and able Mini-

Three Ministers to be affi-
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Preachers.

sters of any of the said County or Counties for the tryal of the gifts of such persons, as shall be approved for the preaching the Gospel in the said Counties, as well in settled Congregations, and Parochial charges, as in an Itinerary course, as the said Commissioners shall adjudg to be most for the advancement of the Gospel, or for the keeping of Schools for the education of children: And to the end that a fitting maintenance may be provided for such persons as shall be so approved of, as also for such others approvedly godly and painful Ministers, now residing within the said respective Counties, for whose support and maintenance there is little or no settlement made or provided: Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid,

12. Commissioners have power to dispose of the Rents of all Ecclesiastical livings then in the Parliaments disposal, and all Impropriations under Sequestration.

that in order to the said maintenance, and in the regulating, ordering, and disposal thereof, they the said Commissioners, or any twelve or more of them, are hereby authorized and enabled by themselves, or others deriving authority from them, to receive and dispose of all and singular the Rents, Issues and Profits, of all and every the Rectories, Vicarages, Donatives *sine Cursu*, portion of Tents, and other Ecclesiastical livings, which now are in the disposing of the Parliament; as also to receive and dispose of the Rents, Issues and Profits of all Impropriations and Gleab-Lands within the said Counties, which now are, or hereafter shall be under sequestration.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any twelve or more of them, shall and may out of the said Rents, Issues and Profits of the said Rectories, Vicarages,

carages, Donatives *sine Curis*, portion of Tents, and other Ecclesiastical Promotions, as also out of the Rents, Issues and Profits of the said Impropriations and Gleab-Lands, order and appoint a constant yearly maintenance for such persons as shall be recommended and approved of as aforesaid, for the work of the Ministry or the education of children, as also for such other Ministers as aforesaid, now residing within the said Counties; Provided that the yearly maintenance of a Minister do not exceed one hundred and twenty pounds, and the yearly maintenance of a School-master exceed not forty pounds: And if any person, or persons, being tenant or occupier of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments lyable and subject to the payment of any Tyths, or other duties in right payable or belonging to any Parsonage, Vicarage, or any the aforesaid Ecclesiastical Promotions, shall refuse payment thereof; then the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them, are hereby authorized and enabled, to put in execution against every person or persons, so refusing the powers and authorities vested and settled by this present Parliament in the Justices of the Peace, for the relief of Ministers from whom such Tents and duties are detained and substracted.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any twelve or more of them, out of the said Tents, Rents and Profits, by them receiveable by force of this Act, shall and may allow such moderate salary or wages to such person or persons, who shall be employed in the receiving, keeping & disposal thereof, or any part

Ministers augmentation not exceed 120*l.* a year.

School-masters 40*l.*

Power of Justices to recover Tithes.

thereof, as they shall conceive to be necessary and reasonable.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every person and persons, qualified and approved of as aforesaid, for the preaching of the Gospel as aforesaid, who shall be vested and settled by the said Commissioners, or any twelve or more of them, in any Rectory, Vicarage or Parochial charge, which the said Commissioners, or any

A Minister settled by this Act, his Title, twelve or more of them, have hereby power to do, shall be deemed and adjudged to be seized of the same, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes, as if such person and persons had been instituted and inducted according to any former course of Law, any Act or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas divers well affected persons in the said Countries, are sued, molested, and troubled, for what they have acted and done in the Parliament service, which are not of ability to travel to *London* to be relieved by the Committee of Parliament, commonly called the Committee of Indemnity.

Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, are hereby constituted and made a Committee of Indemnity, to all intents and purposes within the Counties aforesaid, for the hearing and determining of all matters and things properly relievble and determinable by the said Committee, according to the powers granted by an Order or Ordinance of Parliament, to the Committee of Indemnity sitting at Westminster: Provided alwaies that if any person or persons shall find him

The Commissioners a Committee of Indemnity.

him or themselves aggrieved at the proceedings of the said Committee acting as a Committee of Indemnity ; then the said person or persons so aggrieved, shall and may prosecute his or their petition or appeal for relief, in such manner and form as in and by this Act is prescribed, in the cases of ejected Ministers, and bring the same to a final determination before the said Committee of Indemnity sitting at Westminster , which said Committee are hereby authorized to hear and determine the same as they shall see just cause.

Liberty of appeal to the Committee of Indemnity.

And be it further Enacted , That all power and authority formerly vested in any Committee within the said Counties, or any of them, for the placing of Ministers in Ecclesiastical livings or promotions, be from henceforth determined ; And that no person or persons shall be from henceforth vested and settled in any Rectory or Vicarage, or Ecclesiastical Promotions , within any of the said Counties , unless such person or persons so to be vested or settled, be recommended and approved of for the work of the Ministry , according to the true Tenor and meaning of this Act. Provided that this Act shall be in force , and have continuance until the first day of March , which shall be in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred and fifty and two , and no longer.

Passed

Passed the 11. of April 1650.

BE it Enacted that the Act for the better propagating the Gospel in the four Northern Counties of *Northumberland*, *Cumberland*, *Westmerland* and *Durham*, shall be in force and have continuance until the first day of April, which shall be in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred fifty and three, and no longer.

Hen. Scobel Cleric. Parliament.

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AN ACT
For Sale of the
MANORS
OF
RECTORIES and GLEAB-LANDS.

Late belonging to

*Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans,
Deans and Chapters.*

WHereas by an Ordinance of Parliament of the ninth of October, One thousand six hundred forty six, Entituled, *An Ordinance of this present Parliament, For Abolishing of Arch-bishops and Bishops, within the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and for settling their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees for the Use of the Common-wealth;* And by an ACT of this present Parliament, Entituled *An ACT of the Commons of England in Parliament assembled, For the Abolishing Deans, Deans and Chapters, Can-*
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nons, Prebends, and other Offices and Titles of or belonging to any Cathedral or Collegiate Church or Chapel within England and Wales (amongst other things in the said Ordinance and Act mentioned) the Parsonages appropriate, Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes, Parsonages, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels and Donatives in the said Ordinance and Act mentioned, are vested and settled in the Trustees in the said Ordinance and Act named, their Heirs and Assigns, upon such Trust and Confidence as in and by the said Ordinance and Act is declared. And whereas by an Act of this present Parliament, Entituled, *An Act for providing Maintenance for Preaching Ministers, and other Pious Uses*, All Tythes appropriate, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes appropriate, Offerings, Fee-Farm Rents issuing out of Tythes in the said Act mentioned, are settled and vested, from and after the sixth day of January, in the year one thousand six hundred forty and nine, in and upon Sir Henry Holcroft Knight, and other the Trustees in the said Act named, in such manner, and upon such Trust and Confidence as in the said Act is contained. And whereas by one other Act of this present Parliament, Entituled, *An Additional Act for providing Maintenance for Ministers, and other Pious Uses*, All Parsonages appropriate, Tyths, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes appropriate, Vicarages, Churches, Chappels, Donatives and Fee-farm Rents issuing out of Parsonages, Vicarages and Tythes in the aforesaid Ordinance and Acts mentioned or contained, were and

and are thereby discharged of all and every Trust of and concerning the same. And the said Sir *Henry Holcroft*, and other the Trustees in the said Act named, their Heirs and Assigns, and the Survivors and Survivor of them and their Heirs, stand seized of all Appropriations, Tythes appropriate, Donatives, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes, Gleabs appropriate, and Fee-farm, and other Rents issuing out of Parsonages, Vicarages, or Tythes of or belonging to the said Arch-bishops and Bishops, or to any Deans, Subdeans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacon, Prior, Chancellor, Commissary, Chanter, Sub-chanter, Treasurer, Sub-treasurer, Succenter, Precenter, Sacrist, Prebend, Canons Resident or non-Resident, Petty Canons, Vicars, Chorals, Choristers, Old Vicars and New, or any other Officer or person of or belonging to the said Hierarchy, with their and every of their Rights, Members and Appurtenances, or which they or any of them had, held or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held or enjoyed in Right of his or their said Dignity, Office, Function or Employment at any time by the space of ten years before the beginning of this present Parliament, or at any time since. And whereas sithence the passing of the said Ordinance and Acts of Parliament, some Doubts and Questions have been made and risen, Whether any Manors of Rectories, Messuages, Tenements, Gleab-Lands, Pastures, Meadows, Marshes, and Fee-farm Rents issuing out of Manors or Rectories, joynly or severally charged therewith, lately appertaining to any late Arch-bishop, Bishop, Dean, Dean and Chapter,

ter, Prebend, or any other person or persons, or bodies politique, formerly mentioned in the said Ordinance or Acts of Parliament to be abolished, may be contracted for and conveyed by the Contractors and Trustees respectively in the said Ordinance and first recited Act of Parliament named: For the better avoiding of all Scruples and Questions that may arise by colour of the general words in the said Ordinance and Acts of Parliament; The Parliament do now Enact and Declare, and be it by authority of this present Parliament Enacted and Declared,

Trustees for maintenance of Ministers, de vested of Manors of Rectories, Gleab-Lands and Fee-farm Rents, and the same vested in the Trustees for sale.

That all Manors of Rectories inappropriate, Messuages, Tenements, Gleab-Lands, Pastures, Meadows, Marshes, belonging to any Rectory inappropriate, and Fee-farm Rents issuing out of Manors or Rectories inappropriate, joynly or severally charged therewith, late belonging, or appertaining or reputed and taken to be belonging or appertaining to any Rectory inappropriate, Parsonage, Church, Chappel or Donative, lately appertaining or belonging, or reputed and taken to be belonging or appertaining to any late Arch-bishop, Bishop, Dean, Dean and Chapter, Prebend, or other person or persons, or bodies Politique, mentioned in the said Ordinance and Acts of Parliament to be abolished, in right of his or their said Office or Function, shall be, and are hereby settled in the full *Seisin* and possession of the respective Trustees in the said recited Ordinance and first recited Act of Parliament, their Heirs and Affigns, and not in the *Seisin* or possession of the said Sir *Henry Holcroft*, and the other Trustees, their Heirs or Affigns in the last recited Act of Parliament

ment mentioned, nor subject to the Trusts and Usages in the said last recited Act mentioned: And the respective Trustees in the said Ordinance and first recited Act named, their Heirs and Assigns, shall be, and by authority of this present Parliament are Declared to be in the full *Seisin* and possession of the said Manors of Rectories, Messuages, Tenements, Gleab-Lands, and all Pastures, Meadows, Fee-farm Rents issuing out of Manors or Rectories, joynly or severally charged therewith, and Marshes above-said, for the Use of the Common-wealth, freed, acquitted and discharged of and from the payment of Tythes, as fully as the said Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons abovesaid did hold the same at any time during the time of ten years before the beginning of this present Parliament; and of and from all and every Trust and Trusts in the said Ordinance, Acts, or any or either of them Declared or appointed: And the said respective Contractors and Trustees, or any five or more of them respectively, shall and may, and are hereby required and authorised to contract, bargain, sell, alien and convey all and every the last mentioned premises; and to execute all powers and authorities in the sale thereof, as they may or might have done in the sale of any the Honors, Manors or Lands in the said Ordinance and first recited Act mentioned. Provided, That the said Contractors shall not treat or contract with any person or persons, body politique or corporate, other then the immediate Tenant or Tenants of the premises hereby appointed to be sold, for the respective Lands,

Tenements and Hereditaments which he or they so held, for the space of thirty days, to be accompted from the first day of *November*, one thousand six hundred and fifty ; and in case such Tenant or Tenants do not agree, contract and subscribe his or their contract within the said thirty days, that then the said Contractors may proceed to the sale thereof to any other person or persons, body politique or corporate whatsoever : And that all and every Bargains of Sale, Conveyances and Assurances to be made of any Estate or Estates in Fee-simple of any the premises by this Act appointed to be sold, according to such Contracts as shall be agreed upon between the purchaser or purchasers and the said Contractors, or any five or more of them respectively, shall be good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes : and all and every purchaser and purchasers of the premises, or any part thereof, his and their Heirs, Successors and Assigns, shall have, hold and enjoy the premises that shall be by him or them so purchased ; discharged of all trusts and accompts whereunto the said Trustees in the said Ordinance and Acts before recited , or in an Ordinance of the sixteenth of *November*, one thousand six hundred forty and six , in this Act mentioned, or any or either of them , are or may be lyable by vertue of the said Ordinance or Acts , or any or either of them ; and of all Suits and Questions that may arise or be moved upon pretence of Sale at Under-values , and all other Claims and Demands whatsoever (other then the Rents and Interests saved by the said Ordinances and Acts before recited

ted or any of them) And of all Incumbrances made by the said Trustees, or any claiming under them or any of them: And that the same shall not be lyable unto, but freed and discharged of and from all and all manner of Statutes, Judgements, Recognizances, Dowers, Ioyntures, and other Acts and Incumbrances whatsoever, had, made, done or suffered, or to be had, made, done or suffered, by, from or under the said Trustees, or any of them respectively, other then such Conveyances and Assurances as shall be had, made, done or suffered in performance and pursuance of the Sales and Contracts respectively made, according to the meaning of this present Act (Saving all such Right, Title and Interest as in and by the said Ordinances and first recited Act, or any or either of them, is saved and excepted) And if any Action shall be brought against the said Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, or other Officer, or any of them for any Act done by them or any of them in execution of this Act, or any former Act, Ordinance, Orders or Instructions whereunto it relates, That then he or they are hereby enabled to plead the General Issue, and to give this Act in Evidence; and if Judgement shall be had for the Defendant or Defendants in such Action, he and they shall recover double Costs. And be it also Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That none of the said Trustees, Treasurers, Contractors, Registers, Registers Accomptant, Surveyor-General, or any of their Clerks, or other person or persons employed under them or any of them, in or about the premises, shall be admitted to treat or contract for

for any part of the premises, without leave first had and obtained from the Committee for Obstructions in the Sale of the premises ; and in case any the persons aforesaid shall directly or indirectly purchase any part of the premises, and the same shall be made to appear to the said Trustees, Every such person and persons shall forfeit the premises so by him or them purchased : And the said Trustees are hereby authorized & required to seize the same, and to convey the one moyety thereof to such person and persons as shall discover the same, and his Heirs, and the other moyety thereof the said Contractors, upon such certificate thereof, are hereby impowered to expose to Sale for the benefit of the Common-wealth.

And whereas there is a necessity of raising of a considerable sum of money for the maintaining of the Army and Forces in *England, Scotland, and Ireland*, and towards the maintenance of the Navy ; The Parliament doth therefore Enact and Ordain, and be it Enacted and Ordained by authority thereof, That (over and above the sum of three hundred thousand pounds formerly appointed to be borrowed upon the security of the said Lands of the said Deans and Chapters, and other persons in the said first recited Act mentioned) the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds shall be borrowed upon the security, as well of all and every the premises by this Act appointed to be sold, as also of so much of the Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, by the said first recited Act appointed to be sold, as shall amount to the value of one hundred thousand pounds, by way of doubling the

the like sum as shall be due to any person or persons, body politique or corporate, which by the said first recited Act for Sale of the Lands of the said late Deans, Deans and Chapters, or by any additional Act, Instructions or Votes of Parliament might have been doubled upon the security of the said Lands; together with such interest, and in such manner, as in and by the said Act, Instructions and Votes respectively is and ought to have been allowed.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any person and persons, body politique or corporate, To grant such his and their Publique-faith Moneys, or other Moneys so admitted to be doubled as aforesaid, and the Bills, Certificates or Receipts for the same, and the interest due and to be due thereupon, unto any other person or persons; and all and every such Assignee and Assignees shall have the like benefit and advantages, to all intents and purposes as the first Lender or Owner might have had within the intent of this Act: and that it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, body politique or corporate, who shall advance by way of doubling as aforesaid, any sum or sums of money towards the raising of the said one hundred and twenty thousand pounds, upon the security of the premises, to assign the moneys which shall be due unto him or them upon such doubling, and the interest and benefit thereof, to any other person or persons; and that in case such Original Creditor or Assignee shall become a Purchaser of any part of the premises, all and every sum and sums of mony due by or upon such doubled bils, shall

shall be accepted, reputed and taken in satisfaction of the whole, or any part of the moneys contracted for upon such Purchase, as if the same had been paid in ready moneys; and all Officers concerned therein, are hereby authorised and required to admit and allow the same, and to proceed accordingly. And it is further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person and persons, body politique or corporate, who shall lend any moneys on the said security as aforesaid, and shall have his or their debt and interest stated by the Register-Accomptant named in the first recited Act, shall pay in to the Treasurers in this Act named, the moneys wherewith he ought to double as aforesaid, within ten days next after the certificate thereof made to the said Treasurers, or otherwise shall lose his moneys due upon the Publique-Faith, unless he or they shew good cause to the Treasurers or any two of them, to be allowed by them or any two of them, for his or their neglect.

And be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners for the Sequestring the Estates of, and compounding with Delinquents, shall have, use and exercise, and hereby have and may use and exercise all such and the like powers and authorities, as any former Committee or Committees for sequestration had, did or might use by any Ordinance or Act of this present Parliament, for the sequestring of the estate of any person or persons which hath been, or should have been certified by the foresaid respective Treasurer or Treasurers unto the said Committee, Committees or Commissioners, not to have perfected

fected their Conveyance or Conveyances of any of the premises by them contracted for, or to be contracted for within two moneths after the respective Contracts; which certificate or certificates the said Treasurer or Treasurers are hereby required to make and transmit from time to time unto the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners are hereby enjoyned and required from time to time to proceed accordingly.

And it is further Enacted, That *Thomas Noel, Stephen Estwick and William Hobson, Esqs;* shall be Treasurers for the said service; and that they or any two of them are hereby impowered and authorized to receive the said one hundred and twenty thousand pounds; and all other such sum and sums of money as from time to time ought to be paid into the Treasury by vertue of this Act, which shall be issued out and paid, according to such Orders, Warrants, Directions or Instructions as they shall from time to time receive from the Parliament or Council of State.

And for the better enabling the said Trustees in the execution of the trust in them reposed, Be it Enacted and Ordained, and it is Enacted and Ordained by this present Parliament, and the authority thereof, that the respective Treasurers in the said Ordinance and first recited Act named, be required & enjoynaed by or before the first day of *November*, one thousand six hundred and fifty, to deliver unto the respective Trustees in writing, a true and perfect account of all moneys which have been by them received or paid forth, and of what remaineth in

their hands respectively, and shall likewise weekly deliver unto the said Trustees a perfect accompt of all receipts and payments by them had or made respectively; which accompt and accompts the said Trustees or any five of them, other then the said Treasurers, are hereby authorized to receive and examine: and in case the said Trustees shall find any sum or sums of money charged in or by the said accompts, or any of them, not warranted by order from the Parliament or Council of State, or by Warrant from the said Trustees, that then every such sum and sums of money shall be disallowed upon the said accompt, and shall stand charged as moneys in cash remaining in the hands of the said Treasurers respectively; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, and they are required to issue out Warrants for the payment of all and every such sum and sums of money, in such sort as they are enabled to do for any other moneys in the hands of the said Treasurers, in pursuance of the trust in them reposed; and the said respective Treasurers are hereby enjoyned and required to make payment thereof accordingly.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Surveyor-General named in the first recited Act, be, and is hereby authorized and impowered, where any Rent or Rents is and are reserved upon any Lease or Leases of Tythes, together with any the premises hereby appointed to be sold, to apportion all and every such Rent and Rents, according to the respective values of the said Tythes and

and premises so joynly demised: and the said Rent so to be apportioned, shall stand charged upon the said Tythes and premises respectively, and shall be held and enjoyed by the Owners and Proprietors of the Reversion, according to their respective interest therein: and the respective Registers in the said Ordinance and first recited Act named, and their Deputies respectively, are hereby authorized and required, upon a Warrant or Warrants from the respective Contractors, to make out, rate and sign one or more Particulars of all and every the premises hereby appointed to be sold, charged onely with so much Rent as shall by such apportionment be charged upon the same: and that the respective Contractors do upon such particular, proceed to contract with any Purchaser or Purchasers for the same, and to make sale thereof accordingly.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where any Reprizes have been made to any Purchaser or Purchasers of any the Lands of the said Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, or other the persons in the said Ordinance and first recited Act, or either of them, mentioned, for or in respect of any duty or charge payable out of all or any the premises by the said Ordinance and Act, or either of them, appointed to be sold, for or in respect of any pious, charitable, or other use or uses, and such duty or payment hath been fixed or settled upon any particular Manor, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments aforesaid, by the Surveyors, Surveyor General and Contractors respectively, mentioned in the said Ordinance or first recited Act,

or by any of them, or by the Committee of Parliament appointed for removing obstructions in the sale of the said Lands; all and every the said Reprises are hereby allowed, and all and every such Manor, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments so charged respectively, shall be, and are hereby Declared to stand and be absolutely charged with such Duty and payment, according to such settlement respectively, from the time of such sale; and that all and every other Manor, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments aforesaid, formerly lyable unto, or charged with such Duty or Payment, be, and are hereby Declared to be from the time of such sale, absolutely freed, exonerated and discharged of and from such duty and payment, as if the same had never been charged therewith.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every Rent, Sum and Sums of Money, Payment or Duty, for or in respect of any pious, charitable, or other use or uses, charged or chargeable upon all or any the premises by this Act, or by the said Ordinance or first recited Act, or any or either of them appointed to be sold, and yet remaining unsold, be, and are hereby charged upon the Rents, Issues and Profits of the said Appropriations, Tythes appropriate, Donatives, Oblations, Obventions, Pensions, Portions of Tythes, and other the premises by the said Act, Entituled, *An Act for providing Maintenance for Preaching Ministers, and other Pious Uses*, or by the said Act, Entituled, *An Additional Act for providing Maintenance for Ministers, and other Pious Uses*, or either of

of them, settled and vested in the Trustees therein named (except the said Gleab-Lands and other the premises by this Act appointed to be sold) and that the Trustees in the said last mentioned Acts named, shall from time to time make payment in the first place of all and every such Rent, Sum and Sums of Money, or other Duty, out of the said Rents, Issues and Profits, unto such person and persons, for such pious, charitable, or other use and uses, as ought to receive the same ; and that all and every the premises by this Act appointed to be sold, or by the said Ordinance or first recited Act appointed to be sold, and yet remaining unsold, be, and are hereby freed, exonerated and discharged of and from all and every such Rent, Sum and Sums of Money, Payment and Duty : and that all and every Purchaser and Purchasers of the premises, or any part thereof, shall hold and enjoy the Lands and premises so by him or them to be purchased, freed and discharged of and from all and every such Rent, Sum and Sums of Money, Payment and Duty, as if the premises so by him to be purchased, had never been liable thereto, or charged therewith.

Trustees for
maintenance of
Ministers to
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Rents, &c.
charged on
them in the
first place.

And be it further Enacted by authority aforesaid, That the said Treasurers shall have allowed unto them for their pains, and the payment of their Clerks and Tellers, two pence in the pound for all and every Sum and Sums of Money, which shall be paid in to the Treasury by force of this Act in ready Money, or satisfied by Bills, which by this Act are and ought to be admitted in payment for the purchase of the premises or any of them : and that the respective

respective Trustees, Contractors, Registers, Registers-accomptant, and Surveyor-General in the said Ordinance and first recited Act named respectively, shall do, execute, observe and keep all and every the like powers, authorities, orders, directions and instructions in relation to the premises hereby appointed to be sold, or any of them, as they and every of them ought to do, or to have done in reference to other the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the said Arch Bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons in the said first recited Act mentioned; and shall have and receive such and the like Salaries and Fees for them and their Clerks respectively, and in such sort and manner as they and every of them respectively are and ought to have and receive for their respective services and imployments, touching other the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments by the said Ordinance and first recited Act, or either of them, appointed to be sold. And be it further Enacted by Authority aforesaid, That if any of the said Trustees, Contractors, Treasurers, Registers, or any other Officer or Officers in the said Ordinance of the sixteenth of *November*, one thousand six hundred forty six, or the said first recited Act, or either of them, named, or any of their Clerks, or any other person or persons employed under them, or either of them, in or about the Lands or Revenues of the said Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons aforesaid, shall from and after the first day of *October*, one thousand six hundred and fifty, demand,

mand, ask, take or receive of any person or persons whatsoever, who shall be, or desire to be a Purchaser of any part of the premises, for or by colour of, or upon pretence for Expedition, Preference, Salary, Gratuity or Reward, any Sum or Sums of Money, further or other then the Salaries & Allowances settled and appointed by the said Ordinance and first recited Act, or any other Act of Parliament, unto the respective Trustees and Contractors aforesaid, and other then the Fees appointed and allowed by the said Ordinance and first recited Act, or either of them, or by the Committee for removing obstructions in the sale of the premises, for and unto the respective Registers therein named, and their Clerks, all and every such Officer and Officers, person and persons so offending, shall for every such offence lose and forfeit treble the value of such Sum and Sums of Money as he shall so demand, ask, take or receive, the one moyety thereof to the use of the Common-Wealth, and the other moyety to the party grieved, or that will sue for the same in any Court of Record.

And for the better expediting the sale of the premises, Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees named in the said Act, Entituled, *An Additional Act for providing Maintenance for Ministers, and other Pious Uses*, be authorized and required to deliver, or cause to be delivered back unto the respective Registers in the said Ordinance and first recited Act named, all and every such Original Surveys as have been by them or either of them delivered unto the said Trustees in obedience

Trustees for maintenance of Ministers to return Surveys to the Registers for sale.

obedience unto the said Act; and that the said respective Registers shall keep and retain the Original Surveys, The said last recited, or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding: And that the said respective Registers be authorized and required, by Warrant from the said Trustees, to make forth and deliver unto the said Trustees, or such person or persons as they shall appoint, true Copies of such Surveys, or so much of any Survey to them returned, as doth or shall concern Tythes, or any other the premises vested in the said Trustees, and not appointed by this Act to be sold, he or they paying for such Copies after the rate of two pence for every sheet.

Registers to de-
liver Copies of
Surveys to the
Trustees for
maintenance
at 2d. a sheet.

Committee of
Obstructions.

And be it further Enacted, That the Committee of Parliament appointed for removing obstructions in the sale of the Lands of the late Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons in the said first recited Act mentioned, shall be, and are hereby appointed to be a Committee for removing obstructions in the sale of all and every the premises hereby appointed to be sold; and shall have, use and exercise all and every the like powers and authorities in reference to the premises hereby appointed to be sold, as the said Committee may or ought to do, in relation to the sale of any other the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the said late Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons in the said first recited Act mentioned. And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Ordinance of the ninth of October, one thousand six hundred forty six, Entituled, *An Ordinance of Parliament,*

Parliament, for the Abolishing of Arch-Bishops and Bishops within the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and for Setling of their Lands and Possessions upon Trustees, for the use of the Common-Wealth; and also an Ordinance of the sixteenth of November, one thousand six hundred forty six, Entituled, *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For appointing the sale of the Bishops Lands for the use of the Common-Wealth;* and all and every additional and other Ordinance, Orders and Instructions of Parliament, touching the sale of the said Lands and Possessions, and now in force, be, and are hereby Declared to be of as full force and strength, as if the same had been Enacted, Setled and Established by Act of Parliament, and shall so remain and continue: and that every person and persons, bodies politique or corporate, that have purchased, or hereafter shall purchase any of the Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of any of the said late Arch-Bishops or Bishops, and have or shall have the same conveyed unto them or any of them, their Heirs or Assigns, by the Trustees appointed by the said Ordinance of the ninth of October, one thousand six hundred forty six, his and their Heirs, Successors and Assigns shall have, hold and enjoy the same, and every part and parcel thereof, so by him or them purchased or to be purchased, with all and singular the profits, commodities, advantages and emoluments thereunto belonging or appertaining, to all intents and purposes, and in as full and ample manner, and as firmly as if the same had been settled by Act of Par-

liament upon such Purchaser and Purchasers. Provided alwayes, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend unto any Messuage, House, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, lately belonging to any Arch-Bishop, Bishop, Dean, Dean and Chapter, or other the persons in the first recited Act mentioned, or any of them, in Right of his or their said Title, Office or Function, which is or are in express words, and by particular name saved out of, or concerning which any Proviso or Proviso's are contained in the said Ordinance of the sixteenth of *November*, one thousand six hundred forty six, or the before recited Acts, or any of them, or which are or have been settled or disposed of by any Act, Ordinance or Order of Parliament, to or upon any particular person or persons, or to or upon any particular use or uses, other then the uses mentioned in the said before recited Acts for maintenance of Preaching Ministers, and other Pious Uses; Nor to any Augmentation heretofore granted or settled by any Ordinance or Order of Parliament, unto or upon any Preaching Minister or Ministers, out of any Rectory or Parsonage inappropriate, late belonging to any Arch-Bishop, Bishop, Dean, Dean and Chapter, or other the persons in the said first recited Act mentioned. Provided also, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, nor be taken or construed to extend to the sale of the Royalties of or belonging to the City of *Westminster* and Liberties thereof, or of any Office or Offices thereunto appertaining, or any the Issues or Profits thereof,

thairof. Provided, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Gleab-Lands or Fee-farm Rents, issuing out of Manors or Rectories, or out of Manors and Rectories joynly, late belonging to any the said Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c. which be already sold by the Trustees for sale of the Lands of the said Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans and Chapters respectively, or settled by Act or Order of Parliament; But that the Purchaser and Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, shall hold and enjoy the same, according to their respective Conveyance and Conveyances. Provided, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the sale of any Church or publique Chappel, or to any Church-yard or Ground used for a common Burial-place, Any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Die Mercurii, 16. Octobr. 1650.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Scobel Cler. Parliament.

An Additional Act,
 For more speedy effecting of the
 Sale of the
 M A N O R S
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 R E C T O R I E S and G L E A B - L A N D S.

Late belonging
 To Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans,
 Deans and Chapters, and other Offices
 and Titles which late were of or belong-
 ing to any Cathedral or Collegiate
 Church or Chappel within England or
 Wales.

*And for the better Encouragement of Lenders upon the
 Security thereof, and of other Lands and Heredita-
 ments of the said Deans, Deans and
 Chapters, &c.*

WHereas by an Act of this present Parliament,
 Entituled, *An Act for Sale of the Manors of
 Rectories and Gleab-Lands, late belonging to Arch-Bi-
 bops,*

Bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, It is (among other things) Enacted and Ordained, That (over and above the sum of three hundred thousand pounds, formerly appointed to be borrowed upon the security of the Lands of the said late Deans and Chapters, and other persons mentioned in the Act for Abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c.) the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds shall be borrowed upon the security, as well of all and every the premises by the Act herein first recited appointed to be sold, as also of so much of the Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments by the said Act for abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c. appointed to be sold, as shall amount to the value of one hundred thousand pounds, by way of doubling the like sum upon such debts due or owing, and in such manner as in the said first above recited Act is mentioned: For the clear stating of which Security, The Parliament doth further Enact and Declare, and be it further Enacted and Declared by the authority thereof, That all and every the Honors, Manors, Gleab-Lands, and other Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, upon the security whereof the said sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds is by the said first recited Act appointed to be borrowed, shall be, and are intended to be security as well for the debts, principal and interest which shall be doubled, as for the moneys which shall be advanced and paid in to double the same, and for such interest therefore from the time of such doubling, until payment or satisfaction thereof unto the respective Creditors, their

their Executors or Assigns, as is directed to be allowed in or by the said first recited Act: And that all and singular the Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, which by the said Act for abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c. were exposed to sale, and not contracted for before the five and twentieth day of *October*, one thousand six hundred and fifty (other then such as by the Act herein first recited are reserved from sale) shall be, and are hereby Declared to be part of the Securities aforesaid: And that if the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments (by the said Act for abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c. exposed to sale) so contracted for, before the five and twentieth day of *October*, one thousand six hundred and fifty, shall (according to the rates at which the same were contracted for) amount unto a greater value then the moneys, debts, and other charges which before the second day of *October*, one thousand six hundred and fifty, were charged upon the same, or to be satisfied thereby, and it be so Declared by the Committee of Parliament for removing obstructions in the sale of Deans and Chapters Lands, Then in that case the overplus of the value of the premises so contracted for, shall also be, and shall be accompted as part of the Security of the moneys which shall be lent and doubled as aforesaid; And the same moneys to lent and doubled, shall be admitted and allowed of in payment of the said overplus value in course only as such Contracts were made.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority

authority aforesaid, That the Contractors, Trustees, and all other Officers by the said Act for abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, appointed to do any thing in order to, or about the sale of any the Lands in that Act mentioned, shall proceed respectively as to and in the sale of the Manors of Rectories and Gleab-Lands, with their Appurtenances, so in like manner to and in the sale of all other the Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby declared or intended for security as aforesaid; And that the Trustees in whom the same premises (so intended for security) are respectively vested, and their Heirs respectively shall stand seized thereof, and of the Rents, Issues and Profits of the same, until sale, and of the moneys which shall be raised by the sale thereof, unto and for the uses following; *viz.* For the payment of the moneys and debts which shall be owing upon the security of the said premises; and all salaries, and other incident charges touching the same, and the trust in them reposed, and the remainder thereof to the use of the Common-Wealth, in such manner as the Parliament shall appoint: And that all and every the said Rents, Issues and Profits of the premises, and moneys to be raised by the sale thereof, shall be paid and issued out, to and for the uses aforesaid, by the Treasurers thereof, upon and according to such Warrants as they shall receive from the Trustees for Deans and Chapters Lands, or any five or more of them in that behalf. And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that as well the Treasurers in the said first above recited Act named,

as the respective Trustees, Contractors, Registers, Registers-accomptant and Surveyor-general, and other Officers and persons in the first recited Act mentioned, shall do, execute, observe and keep all and every the like Powers, Authorities, Orders, Directions, Instructions, Matters and Things, in relation to the premises hereby appointed or mentioned to be sold, and in relation to the doubling before mentioned, to be intended upon the security thereof, as they and every of them ought to do, or to have done in reference to other the Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the said Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, and other the persons in the said first recited Act mentioned, or in reference to any doubling formerly had upon the security of Deans and Chapters Lands; And shall have and receive therefore such and the like salaries and fees respectively, and in such sort & manner as they and every of them respectively are and ought to have and receive for their respective services and employments touching those other Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, by the purport of any the Ordinances, Acts or Instructions in the said first above recited Act mentioned, and no more nor other salaries or fees whatsoever, without incurring the Penalties mentioned in that behalf in the Act herein first recited.

Die Martis, 22. Octobr. 1650.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith Printed and Published.

Hen: Scobel, Cleric. Parliamenti.

AN

Die Veneris, May 31. 1650.

A N A C T
 For the better payment of Augmen-
 tations out of the Improper Re-
 ctures, Vicarages and Tithes, se-
 questred from Papists or Delin-
 quents.

BEHOLD and Ordained by this present Parliament, and the Authority thereof, that all augmentationes and allowances granted, or to be granted by the Parliament or the Committee for Plundred Ministers; for, or towards the maintenance of the Minister of any Church or Chappel, out of any Improper Rectures, Vicarages and Tithes, sequestred; or that shall be sequestred from any Papist or Delinquent (the said Ministers having taken, or taking the Engagement according to the Act and directions of Parliament in that behalf) shall be from time to time paid and allowed to the said Ministers, until the Parliament or the said Committee shall give further Order. And the Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners of Sequestrations in the several Counties where such Min-

sters inhabit, are hereby required, upon producing unto them the several Orders, whereby such augmentations have been or shall be granted, and upon certificate made unto them of the engagement taken by the several grants, and upon tendering of an acquittance for such moneys as shall be then due, to pay unto the said Ministers from time to time the said augmentation, without demanding or receiving any Fee for the same. And that the acquittances and receipts of the respective Ministers as aforesaid, returned up to the Treasurers at Gold-smiths Hall, shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners respectively. And that the Treasurer at Gold-smiths Hall do put the same to accompt without any Fee or allowance for the same from the Common-Wealth or the party. Provided that this Act extend not to the Rents or Revenues of any part of the premises, lying within any the Counties in *Wales*, or within the Counties of *Northumberland*, *Cumberland*, *Westmerland* and *Durham*, and mentioned in two several Acts of this present Parliament, for the propagating of the Gospel in *Wales*, and in the four Northern Counties aforesaid.

Hen. Scobel Cleric. Parliament.

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An Ordinance, Appointing Commissioners for Ap- probation of PUBLICK PREACHERS.

WHereas for some time past hitherto there hath not been any certain course established for the supplying vacant places with able and fit persons to preach the Gospel, by reason whereof not only the Rights and Titles of Patrons are prejudiced, but many weak, scandalous, popish, and ill-affected persons have intruded themselves, or been brought in, to the great grief and trouble of the good people of this Nation; For remedy and prevention whereof, Be it Ordained by his Highness the Lord Protector, by and with the consent of his Council, that every person, who shall from and after the five and twentieth day of *March* instant, be presented, nominated, chosen, or appointed to any Benefice (formerly called Benefice with Care of Souls) or to preach any publick settled Lecture in Qualification
of Ministers. *England or Wales*, shall, before he be admitted into any such Benefice, or Lecture, be judged and approved, by the persons hereafter named, to be a

person for the Grace of God in him, his holy and unblamable Conversation; as also for his knowledge and utterance, able and fit to preach the Gospel; And that after the said five and twentieth day of March, no person, but such as shall upon such approbation be admitted by the said persons, shall take any publicke Lecture, having a constant stipend legally annexed and belonging thereunto, or take or receive any such Benefice as aforesaid, or the profits thereof; And be it further ordained, That Francis Rous, Esq; Dr. Thomas Goodwin, Dr. John Owen, Mr. Thankful Owen, Dr. Arrowsmith, Dr. Tuckney, Dr. Horton, Mr. Joseph Caryl, Mr. Philip Ny, Mr. William Carter, Mr. Sidrach Simpson, Mr. William Greenhil, Mr. William Strong, Mr. Thomas Manton, Mr. Samuel Slater, Mr. William Cooper, Mr. Stephen Marshal, Mr. John Tombs, Mr. Walter Cradock, Mr. Samuel Faircloth, Mr. Hugh Peters, Mr. Peter Sterry, Mr. Samuel Bamford, Mr. Thomas Valentine of Chaford, Mr. Henry Fessee, Mr. Obadiah Sedgewick, Mr. Nicholas Lockier, Mr. Daniel Dyke, Mr. James Russel, Mr. Nathanael Campfield, Robert Titchborn Alderman of London, Mark Hildesly, Thomas Wood, John Sadler, William Goff, Thomas St. Nicholas, William Packer, and Edward Croft, Esquires, shall be, and are hereby nominated, constituted and appointed Commissioners for such approbation and admission as is aforesaid, and upon death or removal of any of them, others shall from time to time be nominated in their places by the Lord Protector and his Successors, by advice of his Council, in the Interval of Parliaments, and fitting

Commissioners.

sitting the Parliament, by the Protector and Parliament; And the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, met together in some certain place in the City of *London* or *Westminster*, as his Highness shall appoint, are hereby authorized to judge and take knowledge of the ability and fitness of any person so presented, nominated, chosen or appointed according to the qualification above mentioned, and upon their approbation of such his ability and fitness, to grant unto such person admission to such Benefice or Lecture, by an Instrument in writing under a Common Seal to be appointed by his Highness, and under the hand of the Register or Registers for the time being to be also nominated by the Lord Protector and his Successors, which Instrument the said Register or Registers shall cause to be entered in a Book for that purpose, and kept upon Record.

Commissioners to admit
to Benefices &
Lectures under
a Common
Seal

And it is hereby declared, That the said person so admitted into any such Benefice, shall be Possessor and Incumbent of the same, and intituled thereby to the Profits, Perquisites, and all Rights and Dues incident and belonging thereunto, as fully and effectually as if he had been instituted and inducted according to the Laws of this Realm; as also the person that shall be so admitted to any Lecture as aforesaid, shall be thereby enabled, according to the establishment and constitution of such Lecture, to preach therein, and to have and receive the Stipend or Profits to such Lecture belonging.

Provided alwaies, That no person who shall tender himself, or be tendered, for approbation as aforesaid,⁹ No negative to a mans approbation but by

aforesaid, shall be concluded by any vote of the said Commissioners which shall passe in the Negative as to his approbation, unless nine or more of the said Commissioners be present at such Vote.

And it is further Ordained, That all Patrons of any Benefices that are now void, shall within six Months next after the five and twentieth of this instant *March*, and of any Benefice that shall hereafter be void within six Months next after the avoidance of the same, present unto the said Commissioners, or any five of them, some fit person to be admitted, and for default of such presentation within that time, the presentation for that turn shall devolve by lapse unto the Lord Protector and his Successors.

Provided alwayes, That in case the Patron be disturbed to present unto such Benefice, and thereupon within six months after the avoidance of such Benefice a Suit be commenced for the recovery of such presentation, and notice thereof in writing left with the said Commissioners, or any five of them, or the Register, that then such notice shall be as effectual to prevent the lapse, as where the suit was heretofore commenced against the Bishop or Ordinary.

And it is further Ordained, That during the vacancy of such place by reason of such Suit, the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, have hereby authority to sequester the fruits and profits thereof for supplying of the place with an able Preacher, by the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, to be nominated and approved of as aforesaid.

And

Patrons to put
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such suite.

And forasmuch as many persons since the first day of *April* last past have been placed in such Benefices, and publique Lectures, It is hereby Ordained, That in case such person shall not before the four and twentieth day of *June* next, obtain approbation and admittance in the manner before exprest, Then such person or persons as have right thereunto shall or may present or nominate some other fit and able person to such place.

Barrons to present to benches.

Such as being placed since April 1. 1653. should not be approved before 24. June 1654. and after 2 Months default of putting on to lapse.

And in default of such presentation within two Moneths after the said four and twentieth day of *June*, or within six Months after the place became void, the Presentation for that turn shall likewise devolve by lapse unto the Lord Protector and his Successors.

And for the better satisfaction of the said Commissioners touching the godly and unblameable conversation of such persons as are to be admitted into any place as aforesaid, It is further Declared and Ordained, that before any admittance of any person as aforesaid, there shall be brought to the said Commissioners, or any five of them, a Testimonial or Certificate in writing, subscribed with the hands of three persons of known godliness and integrity, whereof one at least to be a Preacher of the Gospel in some constant settled place; Testifying upon their personal knowledg the holy and good conversation of the person so to be admitted: which said Certificate shall be duly Registered and filed. And it is also Declared, that all penalty for or in respect of the not subscribing or reading the Articles mentioned in the Act of the 13. yeer of Queen Elizabeth,

Persons to be admitted to bring certificates of their holy conversations.

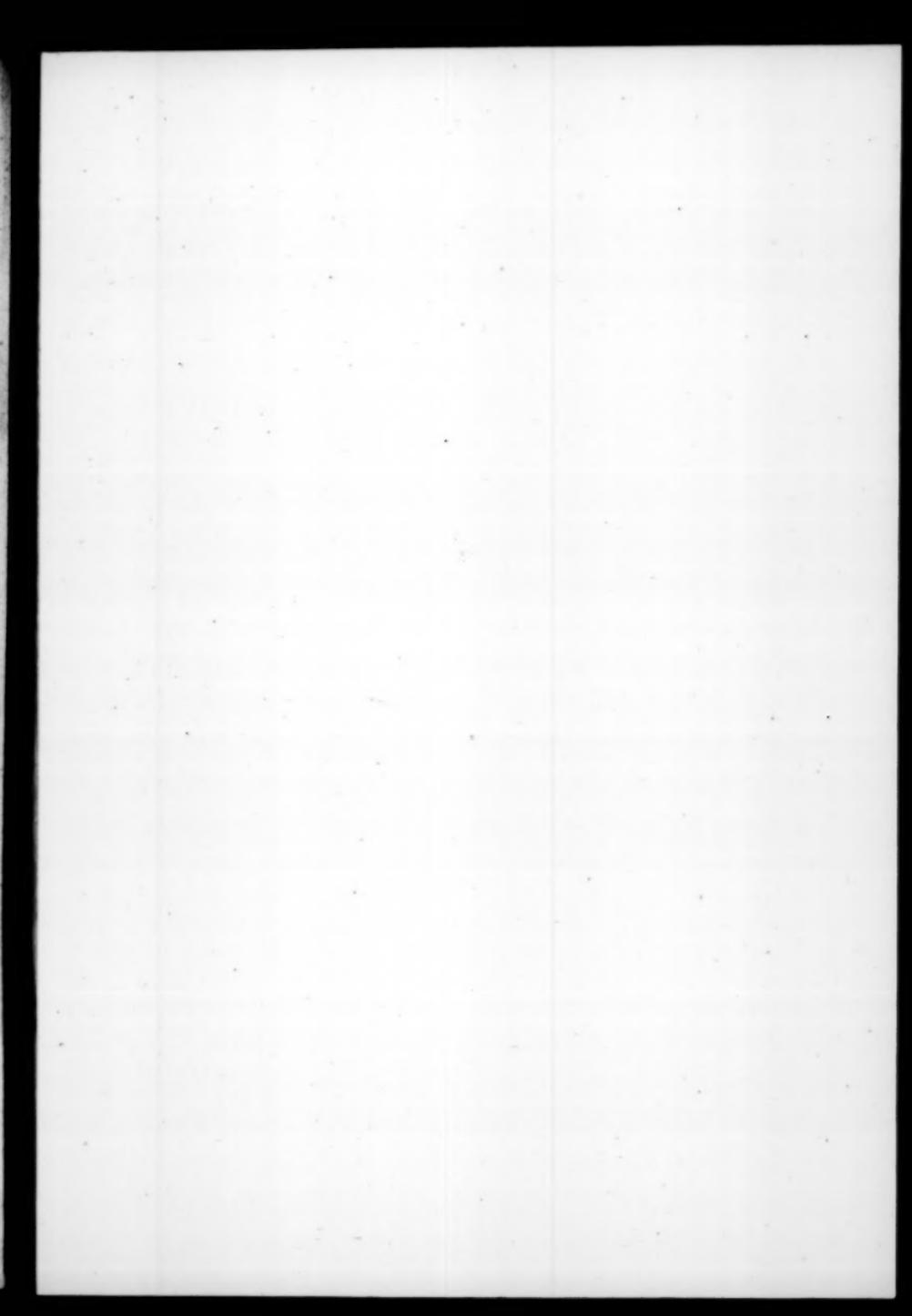
izabeth, Intituled, Reformation of Disorders in the Ministers of the Church, as for not producing such Testimonial as in the said Act is required, shall from henceforth cease and be void.

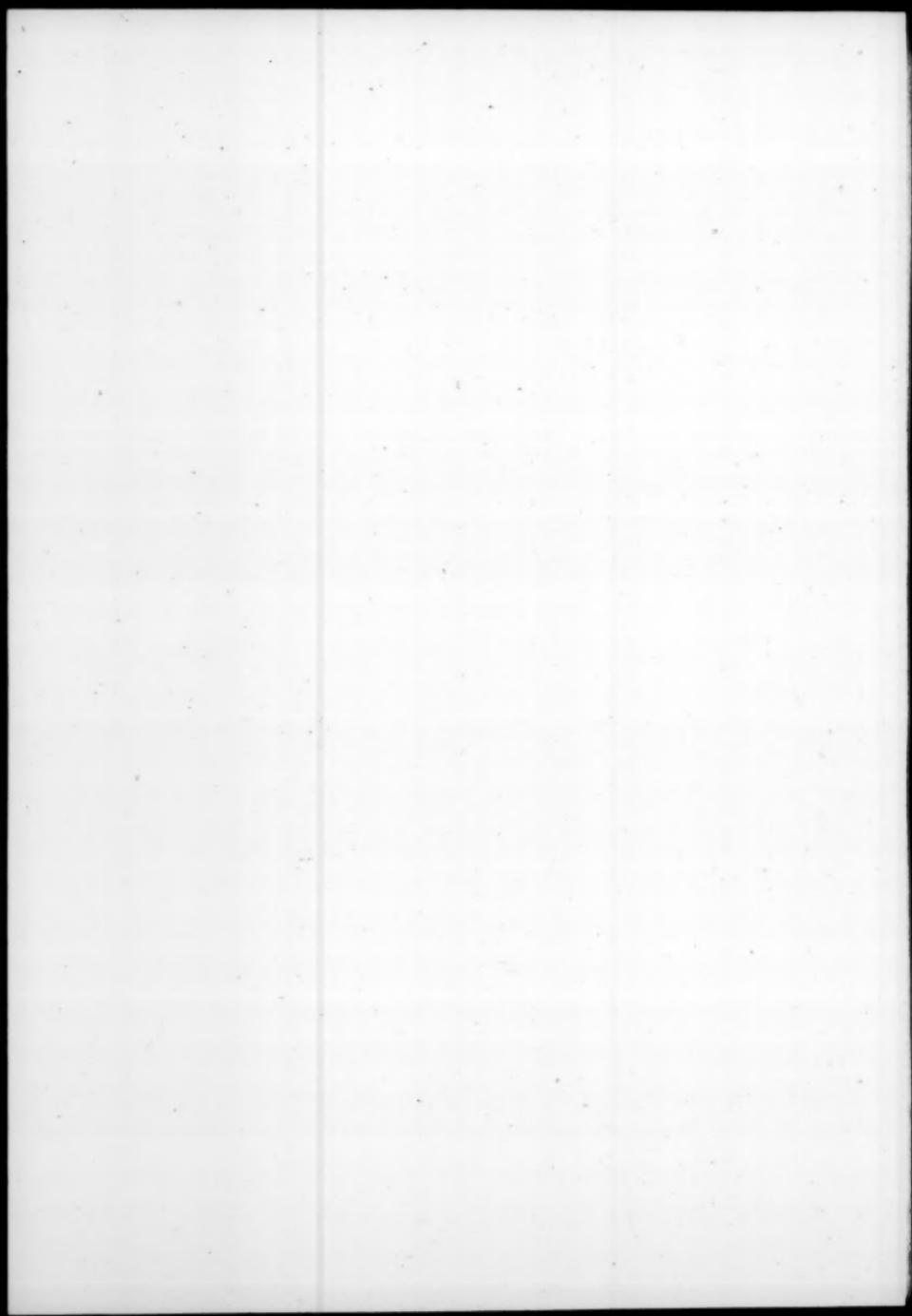
All claiming
augmentations
to be approved
by the Com-
missioners.

And whereas for the better maintenance of preaching Ministers, several Augmentations by Authority of Parliament have been heretofore granted, Be it further Ordained, that all person or persons, who claim or shall hereafter claim the benefit of such Augmentation, shall before he or they receive the same, obtain the approbation of the said Commissioners or five of them, as a person qualified as is before mentioned. And in case of approbation, such approbation shall be entred by the Register, who under his hand shall also signifie the same to such person or persons as are or shall be authorized to pay such Augmentation, who are hereby required and authorized from time to time to pay the person or persons so approved, such Augmentation as hath been or shall be granted unto him or the place where he preacheth, taking his or their acquittances for the same. Provided, and it is hereby Declared, that this Ordinance or any thing therein contained, shall not be construed to extend unto, or to revive any dignities, offices or benefices Ecclesiastical, suppressed by Authority of Parliament. Nor to any benefices Ecclesiastical that were not presentative before the Ordinance for suppression of Bishops: Nor to any Lectures preached or read in any of the Universities.

Not to extend
to any Ecclesi-
astical Offices
abolished by
Parliament.

And it is hereby laftly Declared and Ordained, That the approbation or admittance aforesaid, in such





such manner as is before prescribed, is not intended nor shall be construed to be any Solemn or Sacred setting apart of a person to any particular office in the Ministry: But only by such trial and approbation, to take care that places destitute may be supplied with able and faithful Preachers throughout this Nation. And that such fit and approved persons faithfully labouring in the work of the Gospel, may be in a capacity to receive such publick stipend and maintenance, as is or shall be allotted to such places.

Hen. Scobel, Clerk of the Council.

20. March, 1653.

Ordered by His Highness the Lord P R O T E C T O R and his Council, That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

AN
ORDINANCE
For the Ejection of Scandalous,
Ignorant and Insufficient Minis-
ters and Schoolmasters.

WHereas by the continuance of divers scandalous and insufficient Ministers and School-masters in many Churches, Chappels and publique Schools within this Nation, the more effectual propagation of the Gospel, and settlement of a godly and painful Ministry, is much obstructed, and no Authority now in force for removing such Ministers and School-masters; For remedy thereof, Be it Ordained by His Highnes the Lord Protector, by and with the consent of His Council, That the persons hereafter named, shall be and are hereby appointed and constituted Commissioners for and within the respective Counties within *Eng-*
land and *Wales*, for the ends and purposes hereafter in and by this Ordinance expressed and directed; That is to say,

Bedford.

Bedford.

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or be guilty of Adultery, Fornication, Drunkenness; common haunting of Taverns, or Ale-houses, frequent quarrelling or fighting, frequent playing at Cards or Dice, Profaning of the Sabbath day, and such as do or shall allow the same in their Families, or countenance the same in their Parishioners or Scholars; such as have publiquely and frequently read or used the Common-prayer Book since the first of *Januari* last, or shall at any time hereafter do the same; such as do publiquely and profanely scoff at, or revile the strict profession or Professors of Religion or Godliness, or do incourage and countenance by word or practise any *Whitson-Ales*, *Wakes*, *Morris-Dances*, *May-poles*, *Stage-plays*, or such like Licentious practises, by which men are incouraged in a loose and profane conversation; such as have declared, or shal declare by Writing, Preaching, or otherwise publishing their dis-affection to the present Government; such Ministers shall be accounted negligent, as omit the publique Exercises of Preaching and Praying upon the Lords day (not being hindred by necessary absence or infirmity of body) or that are or shalbe non-Resident; such School-masters shalbe accompted negligent as absent themselves from their Schools, and do wilfully neglect

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Cumberland,

Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, and Westmerland.

For the Counties of *Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, and Westmerland*, master *Wells* of *Newcastle*, master *Hamond* of *Newcastle*, master *Prideaux* of *Newcastle*, master *Theophilus Polwheele*, master *Richard Gilpin*, master *Mathias Simpson*, master *Comfort Star*, master *Roger Baldwin*, master *Thomas Trojt*, master *George Larkham*, master *William Hepkins*, master *Herris*, master *Halsey*, master *Lane*, master *Lapthorn*, master *Truryn*, master *Smith* of *Kirkby-Langdale*, master *Walker* of *Kendal*.

Derby and Nottingham.

For the Counties of *Derby* and *Nottingham*, master *John Rowlinson Senior*, master *Emanuel Barne*, master *Joseph Swetnam*, master *Walter Taylor*, master *Peter Warkinson*, master *Edmund Barton*, master *John Baylston*, master *John Hieron*, master *Thomas Bakewel*, master *Thomas Shelmardine*, master *Frith* of *Mansfield*, masters *Samuel Coats* of *Westbridgford*, master *Laurence Palmer* of *Gedling*, master *Vere Harcourt* of *Plumtree*, master *Cook* of *Sibthorp*.

Devon and City of Excester:

For the County of *Devon* and City of *Excester*,
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master *George Hughes* of *Plymouth*, master *Fardinando Nicols*, master *Ford* of *Excester*, master *Anthony Hartford*, master *Sanders* of *Hoslworthy*, master *Bartlet* of *Excester*, master *Yeo* of *Newton*, master *Bartlet* of *Beddiford*, master *Herring* of *Maston*, master *John Rowe*, master *Jonathan Hanmore* of *Barnstable*, master *Francis Sourton* of *Honyton*, master *William Trevethick*, master *Lewis Stickley* of *Excester*, master *John Chishul*.

Dorset and Pool.

For the County of *Dorset and Pool*, master *William Ben*, master *Stanley Gowre*, master *William Allen*, master *John Hardy*, master *Walter Burges*, master *John Trorile*, master *John Eaton*, master *Constance Lessop*, master *John Loder*, master *Thomas Chaplin*, master *George Thorn*, master *William Husie*, master *Jeremy Turner*, master *Wats* of *Morecreechel*.

York, and Kingston upon Hull.

For the East-Riding of the County of *Yorke*, and *Kingston upon Hull*, master *Luddington* of *Cowscott*, master *Aty* of *Agnes-Burton*, master *William Hyde* of *Wighton*, master *Peter Clerk*, master *Robert Johnson*, master *Micklethwait*, master *Hame* of *Flamborough*, master *Fowler* of *Thwing*, master *Garthwait* of *Carnaby*, master *Crozer* of *Bridlington*.

York City.

For the West-Riding and City of York, master *Fisher of Sheafield*, master *Boles of York*, master *Morehouse of Castleford*, master *Swalwood*, master *Marshal of Wood-church*, master *Roots of Hallifax*, master *Herring of York*, master *William Stiles of Leeds*, master *Calvert*.

For the North-Riding, master *Philip Nesbet*, master *Mannors*, master *Dove of Appleton*, master *Peter Clerk*, master *Calvert*, master *Boles*, master *Herring*.

Essex.

For the County of *Essex*, master *Stalham of Tarning*, master *Willis of Ingerston*, master *Sams of Cogshall*, master *Sparrow of Halsted*, master *Glover of Finchingfield*, master *Peck of Pritlewel*, master *Warren of Hatfield-Broadoak*, master *Martin Holbech of Felstead*, master *Matthew Newcomen of Dedham*.

Gloucester.

For the County of *Gloucester*, and County of the City of *Gloucester*, master *Alexander Gregory of Cirencester*, master *Giles Wortman*, master *William Mew of Eßington*, master *Anthony Palmer of Borton of the Water*, master *Helm of Winchcomb*, master *William*

William Tray of Odington, master William Beal of Stow of the WOULD, Mr. William Fowler of Walsterley.

Hereford.

For the County of *Hereford*, master *Woodriff*, master *Low*, master *Boyer*, master *Briton*, master *Primrose*, master *Woodward* of *Rickards Castle*, master *John Beal*, master *Smith*, master *Voyle*.

Hertford.

For the County of *Hertford*, master *Philip Goodwyn*, master *John Warren*, Dr. *John Lightfoot* of *Munden-magna*, master *Samuel Tomlin*, master *Thomas Mocket*, master *Thomas Halseter*, master *John Young*, master *Isaac Bedford*, master *Nathaniel Eels*, master *Tutty*, master *Slater*, master *John Pointer*, master *Daniel Dyke*, master *Lee of Hatfield*.

Kent.

For the County of *Kent*, master *John Davis* of *Dover*, master *Player*, master *Taylor* and master *Durant* of *Canterbury*, master *French* of *Stroud*, master *Steed*, master *Samuel Selliard*, master *Crump*, master *Bright*, master *John Swan*.

Lancaster.

For the County of *Lancaster*, master *Herl*, master

ster *Hollinworth*, master *Anger*, master *Herrick*, master *Latham*, master *Thomas Johnson*, master *Ambrose*, master *Harrison*, master *Gee*, master *Michael Briscoe*.

Leicester and Rutland.

For the Counties of *Leicester* and *Rutland*, master *Simon Peck*, master *Thomas Doughty*, master *Thomas Laurey*, master *Richard Pyke*, master *Pits*, master *Henry Peirce*, master *John Taxley*, master *Nicholas Kestyn*, master *William Sheffield*, master *Samuel Blackerby*, master *Maurice Boheme*, master *Barry of Costmore*, master *Beacham of Seaton*, master *Rowel of Little-Casterton*, master *Johnson of Timwel*, master *Levit of Ashwel*, master *King of Okeham*, master *Wells of Baroden*.

Lincoln.

For the County of *Lincoln*, master *Edward Reyner*, master *Scortreth of Lincoln*, master *Anderson*, master *Nayler of Boston*, master *Male of Faulkingham*, master *Ram of Spaulding*, master *Reynold of Heyting*, master *Finch of Bellow*, master *Hanserd Knollis*, master *Moreton of Billingborn and Hirbling*, master *Law of Wiberton*, master *Angel of Grantham*, master *Whiting*, master *Norihan of Harlaxton*, master *Beck of Rippinghal*, master *Brown of Stamford*, master *William Hew of Gedney*.

Middlesex,

Middlesex, and City of West- minster.

For the County of *Middlesex*, and the City of *Westminster*, master *Robert Malibus*, master *Perkins*, master *Symmer*, of *Chefwick*, master *Isaac Knight*, master *Thomas Gilbert*, master *Willis*, master *Rolls of Thistleworth*, master *Price of Stains*, master *Kentish of Kastern*, master *Williams of Wappin*, Dr. *Spurstow of Hackney*, master *John Bond*, master of the *Savoy*, master *Sangar*, master *Philip Ny*, master *Obadiah Sedgwick*, master *Bates of Dunstans in the West*.

London.

For the City of *London*, *Lazarus Seaman* Dr. of *Divinity*, Dr. *Drake*, Master *Samuel Clerk*, master *Matthew Barbar*, master *Gouge of Sepulchres*, master *Abraham Molin*, master *Richard Vines*, master *Grif-
fith of the Charterhouse*, master *Facomb*, master *Sheffield*, master *Button*, master *Bragg*, master *Ar-
thur Jackson*, master *John Bond*, master *Sangar*, ma-
ster *Philip Ny*, master *Obadiah Sedgwick*, master *Jo-
seph Caril*, master *Cooper*.

Monmouth.

For the County of *Monmouth*, master *Walter Craddock*,

Craddock, master Henry Walter, master George Robinson, master Roger Charnock, master Francis Syms, master George White, master Thomas Barns, master Abbatts.

Norfolk.

For the County of *Norfolk*, master *William Bridges*, master *John Brinsley of Yarmouth*, master *John Martin of Edgfield*, master *John Money of Wymandham*, master *Timothy Armitage of Norwich*, master *Charles Franck of Thetford*, master *Nathaniel Brewster of Alby*, master *Edmund Broom of Southrep*, master *Brenister*, master *Samuel Smith of Sistern*, master *Richard Wells of Takenbam*, master *Harmer of Saxingham*, master *Israel Shipdem of Swafham*, master *Thomas Thorrowgood*, master *Johnson of Lynn*, master *Edward Corbet*, master *Collings of Norwich*, master *Peck of Hingham*, master *Hogan of Lyn*, master *John Newton of Great Dunham*, master *William Hall of Heveringham*.

Northampton.

For the County of *Northampton*, master *Gifford of Gayton*, master *Daniel Rogers of Wotten*, master *Ball of Northampton*, master *Pearn of Wilby*, master *Floyd of Woodford*, master *Resbury of Owndle*, master *Cawthorn*, master *Wilson of Peterburgh*, master *William Hodges of Tickmarsh*, master *Stephen Fowler of Creek*, master *Timothy Dodd*.

Oxen.

Oxen.

For the County of *Oxen*, *John Owen*, *Thomas Goodwin*, Doctors of Divinity, master *Thankful Owen*, master *Samuel Wells*, Minister of *Banbury*, master *John Taylor*, Minister of *Broughton*, *Christopher Rogers*, Doctor of Divinity, master *Ambrose Upton*, master *Peter French*, Prebends of *Christ Church*, Doctor *Wilkinson* of *Christ Church*, Doctor *Stanton*, Warden of *Corpus Christi*, Dr. *Robert Harris*, master of *Trinity Colledge*, master *Ralph Button*, master *Brice of Henley*, master *Owen of Remnam*, master *Francis Howel*, master *Henry Cornish*.

Salop.

For the County of *Salop*, master *Thomas Paget*, master *Francis Talents*, master *Heath*, master *James Smith*, master *Samuel Smith*, master *Thomas Gilbert*, master *Francis Boughey*, master *Thomas Porter*, master *Samuel Hilderham*, master *Andrew Parsons*, master *Samuel Campion*, master *Rowland Nevet*, master *Samuel Bartlet*, master *George Bartlet*, master *John Sadler*, master *Fraysel*, master *Bryan*, master *Wright of Preston in the Wilmores*, master *Francis Wright*, master *George Lawson of the Moor*.

Stafford.

For the County of *Stafford*, master *Burdel Minister*

ster of *Walshal*, master *Burges* Minister of *Sutton-Cofield* in *Warwickshire*, master *Butler* Minister of *Leichfield*, master *Blake* Minister of *Tamworth*, master *John Greensmith* Minister of *Colwich*, master *Machyn*, master *Cleyton* Minister of *Wolverhampton*, master *Sharp* Minister of *Burton*, master *Sound* of *Newcastle under Line*, master *Not* of *Sheriffhales*, master *Taylor*.

Somerset.

For the County of *Somerset* and City of *Bristol*, master *George Newton* of *Taunton*, master *John Moor* of *Aller*, master *John Bennet* of *Southpetherton*, master *William Thomas* of *Ubley*, master *Francis Roberts* of *Wrington*, master *Richard Fairclough* of *Mells*, master *Richard Allen* of *Diche*, master *Richard Allen* of *Batcomb*, master *Thomas Lee* of *Chard*, master *William Ball*, master *Elford* of *Westmunckton*, master *Stubbs* of *Wells*, master *John Devenish* of *Westonzoi-land*, master *Parker* of *Bruton*, master *Bat* of *Creech*, master *Cross* of *Chew*, master *Ralph Farmer*, master *Knowls*, master *Haffard*.

Southampton.

For the County of *Southampton*, and Town and County of *Southampton*, master *Whitfeild*, master *James Terry*, Master *Henry Bartlet*, master *Symonds* of *Southweek*, master *Awdley* of *Clanfield*, master *Cox* of *Bisops-stoak*, master *Robert Webb*, master

Merriet of Cledsden, master Downs, master Nathaniel Robinson, master Robert Dingley, master Edward Buckler, master John Martin, master Robert Tuchyn, master Barns, master Sparks, master Langley of Titherly.

Suffolk.

For the County of *Suffolk*, master *Philips of Wrentham*, master *Marshal of Ipswich*, master *Ward of Ipswich*, master *Hudson of Capel*, master *Mot of Stoke next Neyland*, master *Brunning of Seymore*, master *Gurnal of Lavenham*, master *Faircloth of Ketton*, master *Gibbons of Bury*, master *Burrel*, master *Cook of Glempsford*.

Surry.

For the Countey of *Surry*, master *Richard Bisfield*, master *Rayner of Eggham*, master *George Farrold*, master *Gery*, master *John Arthur of Clapham*, Dr. *Temple of Battersea*, master *Parks of Morelack*, master *Roberts*, master *Wright of Charlwood*, master *Noel of Ockley*, master *Brisco*, master *Plot*, master *Peter Sterry*.

Sussex.

For the County of *Sussex*, Doctor *Chenel of Petworth*, master *Anthony Hilton of Billingsworth*, master

ster *William Speed*, master *Cusley of Arundel*, master *Pickering*, master *Maynard of Mayfield*, master *Vinter*, master *Hawksworth*, master *Smith*, master *Stafford*, master *Chatfield of Horsham*, master *Simons*, master *Osborn*, master *Corbet of Chichester*, master *Dorrard*.

Warwick.

For the County of *Warwick*, Doctor *Bryon*, Doctor *Grew of Coventry*, master *Wills of Birmingham*, master *Burges of Sutton Coldfield*, master *Blake of Tamworth*, master *Walden*, master *John Trap*, master *Alexander Bean*, master *Dooley of Alveston*, master *Butler* and master *Richard Vanner of Warwick*.

Worcester.

For the County of *Worcester*, master *Richard Baxter of Kidderminster*, master *Benjamin Baxter of Upton*, master *Giles Collyer of Blockley*, master *Hopkin of Evesham*, master *Bramage of Kemsey*.

Wilts.

For the County of *Wilts*, Dr. *Chambers*, Dr. *Chaldecote*, master *Adonyram Byfield of Collingborn*, master *John Strickland*, master *William Ayres of Salisbury*, master *Profit*, master *Hughes of Marlborough*, master *Hunton of Westbury*, master *Peter Inch of Dinshead*,

Dinchead, master Hounsel of Chilton, master William Clifford of East-Knoyl, master John Priaulx of Fouant.

Anglesey, Carnarvan, Montgomery, Denbigh, Merioneth and Flint.

For the Counties of *Anglesey, Carnarvan, Montgomery, Denbigh, Merioneth and Flint*, master *Ambrose Mostyn*, master *Morgan Lloid*, master *Edward Boles of Harding*, master *Steel of Hanmer*, master *Robert Fog*, master *Orlando Fog*, Dr. *John Ellis*, master *William Jones*, master *Ellis Rowlands*, master *Matthew Jenkin*, master *Jonathan Roberts*, master *Stephen Lewis*, master *James Quarrel*, master *Rowland Nevet of Oswestree* in the County of *Salop*, master *Samuel Barklay of Clununis*, master *George Lawson of Moor* in the County of *Salop*.

Pembroke, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Brecon and Radnor.

For the Counties of *Pembroke, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Brecon and Radnor*, master *Walter Cradock*, master *Bedwel*, master *Ellis*, master *Miles*, master *Griffiths*, master *Nichols*, master *Samuel Jones*, master *David Davies*, master *Miller*, master *French*,

French, master Higgs, master Love, master Philips, master Charls Price, master Powel of St. Lythans, master Larver, master Davies, master Warren, master Jenkin Jones, master Swain, master Richard Powel, master Abbot of Abergeny, master White of the County of Monmouth, master Lucas of Preifsign.

And the Commissioners in this present Ordinance authorized, shall and may grant out Warrants under the hands and Seals of them the respective Commissioners, or any five of them, to be directed unto the person faulty as aforesaid, or against whom such Articles, Charge or Information shall be prepared or exhibited, requiring his appearance before the said Commissioners, or any five of them, at a certain day and place in the said Warrant mentioned, to answer the said charge or Articles respectively. And after notice of the said Warrant personally given to the party so convented or articled against, or left at his dwelling place, or ordinary place of abode, and that notice proved by Oath to have been made, or given by the space of five dayes before the day of appearance in the said Warrant mentioned (no just cause being shewed and proved to excuse the not appearing) And likewise after answer made by such as shall appear upon Summons, or default of appearance, or answer after such Summons, proved as aforesaid, Then the said Commissioners, or any five of them, are hereby enabled and authorized to proceed to examination of Witnesses upon Oath (if the case so require) as well for, and on the behalf of the person accused or articled against,

Commissioners
to examine up-
on Oath after
due summons,
and to eject.

against, for making good his answer, as for proof of the said Charge, Articles or Information; which Oaths the said Commissioners for the respective Counties aforesaid, or any five of them, are hereby authorized to administer; And after due examination and confession of the party; or proof made by the Oath of two credible Witnesses, or of one Witness, with other concurrent evidence of the Charge, Articles, or Crime objected against him, according to any the particulars before expressed, to eject and displace all and every such person and persons from such his and their respective cures, benefices, places and charges, as the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, upon such hearing, shall adjudge to be guilty of any the crimes aforesaid; and shall enter their said Judgements into a Book fairly written, and to be kept for that purpose; and to sequester as well the Houses, Gleab, Stipend, and all other profits, and fruits belonging to such Churches, Chappels, Schools, or Lectures whereof they are then possessed (allowing such convenient time for his removal out of such house) as the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, shall think fit.

Provided alwayes, and it is further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That before the said several and respective Commissioners shall sequester or eject any Minister or School-master for ignorance or insufficiency, such Ministers or School-masters, accused or questioned for ignorance or insufficiency, shall be examined by the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, together with the Ministers

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nisters beforenamed for the respective Counties, or any five or more of them, and if upon such examination or proof made upon Oath, it shall appear and be so declared under the hands of the said Commissioners and Ministers who shall be present at such examination and proof, or any ten or more of them, whereof five at least to be of the said Ministers, that such Minister or School-master is ignorant or insufficient, Then the said Minister or School-master shalbe taken and deemed to be ignorant or insufficient; and shall for the same by the said Commissioners in this present Ordinance authorized, be sequestred and ejected out of such Benefice, Lecture, or School, and the said Judgement entred in their Register book, and the reasons of such their Judgement.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority a-
foresaid, That in all cases where any Minister or
Lecturer hath been formerly ejected or sequestred,
and is yet living, and none placed before the thir-
tieth day of *August*, One thousand six hundred fifty
and four in his room, or shall be ejected or seque-
stred by virtue of this present Ordinance, it shall and
may be lawful from time to time, to and for any
person or persons, having the lawful right of Pa-
tronage, Election, or Nomination at any time
within four moneths from the eight and twentieth
day of *August*, in case of such as are or shall be eje-
cted or sequestred before that time, and within four
moneths after such ejection or sequestration, by
force of this Ordinance, to nominate unto the Com-
missioners appointed by Ordinance for approbati-
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on of publique Preachers, a fit and able person in the place and room of such Preacher or Lecturer so displaced, who upon such approbation by the said last mentioned Commissioners, as in the said Ordinance is directed, shall and may have, hold, enjoy and receive all and every the Houses, Gleab, Tyths, and other Profits and Fruits belonging to such Place, during the natural life of such person so nominated and approved, unless he shall be afterwards removed by the Commissioners authorized by this Ordinance, for any the causes before mentioned, in as full and ample manner as such person so displaced might have received or enjoyed the same. And for that purpose, in case of the death or resignation of such person so ejected or sequestred, the Commissioners for approbation of Publique Preachers, shall and are hereby authorized, upon such Nomination as is before mentioned, without any further presentation, and upon such approbation as aforesaid, to grant unto such person admittance unto such Benefice or Lecture, by an Instrument in writing, as in other cases of Presentation they are enabled to do; and in default of such Nomination within the respective times aforesaid, the Presentation for that turn shall devolve in lapse unto the Lord Protector, and His Successors.

Maintenance to
the Wife and
Children of the
ejected not ex-
ceeding a fifth.

Provided nevertheless, That in case the said Commissioners shall find that such Minister so displaced hath no other temporal estate sufficient to maintain his wife and children, (if he have any) and in case such Minister so displaced shall, by the time limitted by the said Commissioners, leave the quiet and

and peaceable possession of the Houses, Gleab, or any other Lands belonging to such place, and remove his habitation out of such Parish where the Church or Chappel from whence he was so ejected, is situate, That then the said Commissioners, or any five of them shall allow unto the wife and children of such Minister so ejected or displaced, for their maintenance, a proportion not exceeding the first part of the profits of such benefice with cure (all Parish charges, publique Taxes and other duties being first deducted out of the whole) which the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to cause to be paid unto such wife and children accordingly, and in default of conformity unto their order therein, from time to time to sequester the profits of such benefice for the payment thereof, and all charges in and about the same, during the life of such Minister so ejected; And the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them: are hereby also impowered and authorized to place some fit and able person in such School in the place and room of him so displaced, or in the place and room of any other School-master formerly by any authority of Parliament ejected, sequestred, or displaced, and so may continue to do during the life of such sequestred or ejected School-master, as often as the said School shall be void; which person so to be placed shall and is hereby enabled to have, hold and enjoy all Houses, Lands, or other Stipend belonging unto any such School, as fully as the person so displaced ought to have done.

And be it further Ordained by the authority
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aforesaid, That all Ministers or School-masters nominated, presented, placed or settled by virtue of, or according to the true meaning of this present Ordinance shall have the like Title to, and Interest in, all the profits, dues and perquisites, belonging and appertaining to the said Parsonage, Vicarage, Ecclesiastical promotion or School, and shall and may enjoy, have and make use of the same remedy in Law or Equity for recovery thereof in case of sub- straction, dispossessiōn trespass, or any other injury, as any former Incumbent Lecturer or School-ma- ster, presented, elected, inducted or settled in such Church, place or School had or enjoyed, or might have, had, enjoyed received or used. And all Judges and Justices of Peace are to take notice of this present Ordinance, and to allow the same to be pleaded and given in evidence, and shall award and give Judgements and executions for such Ministers, Lecturers and School-masters placed and settled by virtue of this Ordinance, as their case in Law re- quires. And if any such Minister, Lecturers or School-master nominated or recommended in the room of such ejected Minister, Lecturer or School- master, and approved as aforesaid, cannot quietly obtain the possession of such Church, Chappel or School, or the dwelling Houses thereunto belong- ing, but shall find resistance therein, or shall at any time be opposed or disturbed in the exercise of their Ministry or calling in the said Churches, Chappels or Schools by the said ejected Ministers or School- masters, or by their means or procurement, or by any other person whatsoever, That in such cases the

the said Commissioners respectively authorized by this present Ordinance, or any five or more of them shall and may upon complaint to them made, make such Orders under their hands and seals to the High Sheriff, or any one or more Justice or Justices of Peace of the said County, as they shall think meet, who are hereby authorized and required to execute the same for settling the said Ministers, Lecturer or School-masters, so nominated, appointed and approved as aforesaid, in possession of the said Churches, Chappels and Schools to which they were recommended, and for removing of all force, and preventing all disturbance and opposition, and for the binding over the Ryotours, breakers of the Peace, and disturbers thereof to the next Assizes, or quarter Sessions of the said County, or for committing them to prison, as the case shall require. And all Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables, Church-Wardens, and other Officers and Ministers of Justice whatsoever are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to the said Commissioners within their several limits, precincts and Jurisdictions in all things touching the premisses.

And it is further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the said several and respective Commissioners, in this present Ordinance authorized, shall and may take a view of all the Benefices with cure, publique Lectures and Schools within their several and respective Counties, and of the Ministers and School-masters therein placed, and where they find any Ministers unapproved by the Commissioners authorized to approve of publique

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School-masters.

Preachers, who ought to have been approved by them, to certifie their names to the last mentioned Commissioners : And where they find that any Minister or School-master, that hath been formerly, or shall be sequestred or ejected hath without authority intruded or shall intrude into the same Churches, Schools, or places from whence they were so sequestred and ejected, That then the said Commissioners cause such ejected or sequestred Incumbent, Minister, or School-master, to be forthwith removed as aforesaid, and that in that, and all other cases of vacancy, either of any Benefice with cure, Lecture or School within the said County, they do forthwith authorize some of the most honest and sufficient persons, in such Parish where the said vacant Church or School is situated to receive and gather the profits, perquisits and dues belonging unto such Church or School, and that they manage, order and preserve the same for the best advantage and benefit of such School-master and Minister, as shall by virtue of this Ordinance, or by any other lawful authority be afterwards settled and placed in the said Church or School, saving that all necessary charges incident to the ejecting, sequestring or removing of the former Minister and School-master, and placing of another there, according to the meaning of this Ordinance, and the supplying of the said Churches and Schools, during the vacancy, with fit persons to teach and instruct both the people and Schollars and repair of the buildings belonging to the said Schools, Parsonages, Vicarages or Curatships may be deducted out of the

the profits, and the residue justly and duly accompted for by such persons so authorized; unto which last mentioned purpose it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to appoint and pay a Register or Clerk to be made use of in the premisses, and other Officers, and to allow such salaries, and defray such incident charges as they shall find requisite; the same salaries and charges being allowed and approved by the Trustees for maintenance of preaching Ministers and other pious uses; and shall issue out of the moneys which shall be so raised in Vacancies, as aforesaid, and to call to accompt not onely all persons so by them authorized to gather and preserve the said Profits, Dues and Perquisites, but also all other persons that have received and taken any profits, dues, and perquisites belonging unto any Church or Chappel, out of which any Minister hath heretofore been ejected or sequestred during the Vacancy thereof; and in case of refusal to accompt, or to deliver the surplusages after the allowances and deductions made, which by this Ordinance are appointed; then to cause such persons to be committed until they accompt, and duly render and deliver such surplusage according to the true meaning of this Ordinance.

And further it is Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Ministers and School-masters as have been or shall be placed by any Authority of Parliament, or of this present Ordinance, shall constantly, and from time to time keep all the houses, and buildings belonging unto the Parsonages, Vicarages, Curatships, Lectures and Schools wherein.

Salaries and incident charges to be allowed by the Trustees for maintenance of Ministers.

Commissioners to call to account for all profits.

Incumbents to keep their houses in repair.

wherein they have been or shall be placed as aforesaid, and the Chancels and Church-yard, usually and of right by their Predecessors repaired in such good and sufficient repair, as the same buildings were at the time of their being settled and placed therein; And for default thereof, upon complaint made thereof by the Church-wardens, or any other Inhabitant of such Parish, where such neglect of reparations shall happen, unto the Justices of the Peace at their General Quarter Sessions, or to any three of them out of the Sessions, the said Justices of the Peace are hereby impowred to send for such Minister or School-master before them, and to examine all such defects of repair upon Oath, and after proof made thereof, and of the charge that the making of such reparations must necessarily require, to set down such order for making the said reparations as the said Justices shall adjudge to be reasonable and just; And if such Order, as shall be so declared and made, after notice thereof given to such Minister or School-master, be not by them observed and performed, That then it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices of Peace, by Warrant to be issued under their hands and seals, to cause to be levied so much as by the said Justices of Peace shall be ordered and adjudged as a requisite and necessary sum of money to defray the charges of such reparations, by distreis and sale of the goods and chattles of such Minister or School-master, who ought to have made the same reparations as aforesaid, rendring the overplus back to the owner thereof.

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And be it further Ordained by the Authority a-
foresaid, That no person after the nine and twenti-
eth day of *September* one thousand six hundred fifty
and four, shall keep any School, or be a School-
master within any County of *England or Wales*, in
such Town, Parish or Place where such School is
situate, out of which he hath been, or shall be seque-
stred or ejected upon pain that as well the School-
master, as also the party that shall retain or main-
tain any such School-master contrary to the true in-
tent and meaning of this Ordinance, and being
thereof convicted before the Justices of Peace at
their General Quarter Sessions of the said County,
shall forfeit each of them for every day so wittingly
offending, ten shillings to the use of the poor of the
Parish where such offence is committed.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority a-
foresaid, That the several and respective Commis-
sioners by this Ordinance authorized shall not defer
the putting in execution the powers to them intru-
sted by this present Ordinance, and their meeting
for that purpose longer then twenty dayes after the
publication of this present Ordinance, but shall with
all diligence and care forthwith endeavour the dis-
charge of their said Trust, and from time to time
appoint some one convenient place in their said re-
spective Counties for their meeting as aforesaid, as
may be most convenient for resort of such persons
as shall be called before them.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority a-
foresaid, That the said several and respective Com-
missioners, upon complaint made unto them, by
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any Minister that hath been formerly placed by the late Committee for plundred Ministers, or any other Authority of Parliament, in any Church or Chappel in the room of any sequestred or ejected Incumbent and now removed from thence, or dispossessed thereof by reason of the death of such sequestred or ejected Incumbent; or who hath been presented by any Patron since the first of *April* one thousand six hundred fifty and three, and hath not or shall not obtain a Testimonial from the Commissioners for approbation of Publique Preachers, as by the Ordinance appointing Commissioners for approbation of publick Preachers is directed, that there is due unto such Minister any Arrears of Tyths, or other duties whatsoever belonging to the said Churches or Chappels which have incurred while such Minister did exercise his Ministry in such Church or Chappel: That in all such cases the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, shall and may without requiring any such Testimonial to be produced by such Minister, summon to come before them all and every such person and persons as do or shall refuse to pay such Arrears, and proceed to hear and determine the said complaints, and give such remedy for obtaining such Arrears as any the Justices of Peace may do for recovery of Tythes substracted or with-held from the Incumbent by virtue of an Ordinance of Parliament, entituled, *An Ordinance for the true payment of Tythes*, and other such duties according to the Law and Customes of the Realm; or as any such Justices of Peace might have done by virtue of another Ordinance of the ninth

ninth of *August* one thousand six hundred fourty and seven, and entituled, *An Additional Ordinance for the true payment of Tythes and other duties.*

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said last mentioned Ordinance of the ninth of *August* one thousand six hundred forty and seven shall be, and is hereby revived, and shall be and stand in full power, force and virtue.

Provided, That this Ordinance, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to enable any person or persons heretofore declared a Delinquent by Authority of Parliament, his or their Heirs or Assigns, to present or nominate to any Benefice or Ecclesiastical promotion, otherwise then he or they might have done before the passing of this Ordinance.

Tuesday August 29. 1654.

Ordered by His Highnesse the Lord Protector and His Council, That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Scobel Cler. of the Council.

An Act
 For the continuance and mainte-
 nance of the
 S C H O O L A N D A L M S - H O U S E S
 O F
 W E S T M I N S T E R.

W^Hereas the Commons of *England* assembled in Parliament, having ever been zealous to continue and establish all Works and Foundations tending to the advancement of learning, or any other charitable and pious use or uses whatsoever; and more particularly the ancient Free-School and Alms-houses in the City of *Westminster*, part of, or belonging unto the late Cathedral or Collegiate Church of *Westminster*, or under the Government of the late Dean and Chapter of the same, Did therefore in the late Act of Parliament for abolishing (amongst other things) of Deans and Chapters, and settling all their Honors, Manors and Hereditaments whatsoever, in Sir *John Wollaston* and and other Trustees and their Heirs, except out of the

the same the Foundation of *Westminster* School, and all Revenues, Issues, Fees, Profits, sums of Money and allowances whatsoever, which before the first of *December*, One thousand six hundred forty one, have been, and then ought to be paid, disposed and allowed unto, and for the maintenance of any Grammar School or Schollars, or for or towards the reparation of any School-house, Alms-house, or for any other charitable use, payable out of any of the said premises, as in and by the said A&t (amongst other things) more at large it doth and may appear: Since which Act the Commons of *England* being informed, and fully satisfied, that the said School is not any distinct foundation of it self, but part of the Corporation and Foundation of the said late Dean and Chapter of *Westminster*, so that all the Revenues of the said Dean and Chapter are by virtue of the said Act vested in the said Trustees, yet stil charged and chargeable with the said School and Alms-houses, and such other charitable uses, as the said premises stood charged with, in the hands of the said Dean and Chapter, until some reasonable proportion thereof be particularly set forth for those charitable ends and purposes, and the annual charge of the said School, of the said Alms-houses, of the weekly allowances to several poor people, of reparations of the Structure of the Abbey Church of *Westminster*, with the Cloysters and other Buildings thereunto belonging, and of some necessary servants in the said Abbey (all which the Revenues of the said late Dean and Chapter stood chargeable with) being computed and found to

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The estimate of amount unto One thousand nine hundred twenty nine pounds twelve shillings *per annum*: And the Parliament of *England* resolving to settle and establish for ever, a plentiful Revenue for defraying of the same; And likewise certain Governors for the better ordering, managing and disposing of the said Revenues to those charitable ends and purposes, Have Enacted and Ordained, and be it Enacted and Ordained by the Commons of *England* assembled in Parliament, and by the Authority of

The Governors named, That Sir *William Masham* Baronet, Sir *John Divers* Knight; Sir *John Trevor* Knight, *Francis Rous*, *Nicholas Love*, *John Gourdon*, *Humphrey Salaway*, *John Fielder*, Esqs; Lord Commissioner *Whitelock*, Lord Commissioner *Lisle*, Sir *William Strickland* Baronet, Sir *Henry Vane* jun. Knight, Sir *James Harrington* Knight, *Edmund Ludlow*, *Thomas Lister*, *John White*, *Luke Hodges*, *John Weaver*, *John Dove*, *Augustine Garland*, *John Carew*, *Henry Smith*, *William Cavley*, Esqs; *Edmund Prideaux* Esq; Attorney General, *John Downs*, *John Ven*, Esqs; *Thomas Atkin* Alderman of *London*, *Edward Lord Howard*, *Nathaniel Rich*, *William Masham*, *Michael Oldsworthy*, Esqs; *John Bradshaw* Sergeant at Law, Lord President of the Council of State, *Daniel Blagrave*, *Humphrey Edwards*, Esqs; *Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery*, *William Earl of Salisbury*, *Charls Fleetwood*, *Luke Robinson*, *Cornelius Holland*, Esqs; Sir *William Ardyn*, *Henry Marten*, *Algernon Sidney*, *George Thompson*, *Robert Wallop*, *Richard Salaway*, *Gilbert Millington*, *William Leaman*, Sir *John Hippesley*, Sir *Richard Lucy*, *John*

John Moor, Thomas Challoner, Thomas Toll, William Stephens, Laurence Whittacre, Esq; Isaac Pennington Alderman of London, and Rowland W. I. m Alderman of London, or any five of them, and such others (whose usual places of habitation shall be in the Cities of Westminster and London, or within Thirty miles of the same) as shall from time to time for ever hereafter be nominated and chosen in and to the places and steads of such of them as shall decease, or for just cause be removed by the most part of them which then shall be Governors, to be and succeed in the place and places of them deceasing ; or being so removed, shall and may be Governors of the said School and Alms-houses, and of the Members, Goods, Lands, Revenues and Hereditaments of the same, at all times for ever hereafter : And the said Governors, School and Alms-houses, shall for ever hereafter stand and be incorporated, established and founded in name and in deed a body politique and corporate, to have continuance for ever by the name of the Governors of the School and Alms-houses of Westminster. And that the said Governors may have a perpetual succession for ever, and that they and their Successors may for ever hereafter have, hold and enjoy, and to all intents and purposes shall henceforth for ever stand and be actually seised and possessed of the Structures, Messuages, Lands, Rents, Revenues, Profits, Tenements and Hereditaments hereafter mentioned, The said The building, premises and Rents vested in the Governors, viz. **A&t for abolishing of Deans and Chapters, or any other Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding;** that is to say, The Structure called **The Abey**

The habitation
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of the Gover-
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The Abbey of
Westminster
the Cloisters,
the late Deans
house, and the
late Prebends
houses, &c.

bey of Westminster, with the Cloisters and Buildings, part of, or belonging to the said Abbey and Cloisters; All such Rooms as have been employed for Workhouses, or Storehouses for the Buildings aforesaid; All advantages and profits whatsoever, as shall or may any way arise or grow by reason of the Monuments or Funerals in the said Abbey, Church or Cloisters; The Messuage or House in the said Colledge, called *The Deans House*, with all the Buildings, Stables, Outhouses, Orchards and Gardens thereunto belonging, the Gardens and common Orchard belonging to the said Colledge, the School-house and Library, the Lodgings for the Schollars, Ushers, Auditor and Library-keeper; all those Messuages or Houses now or lately belonging to the Schoolmaster, Receiver or Launder, with all Outhouses, Gardens, Orchards, and other appurtenances to them or any of them appertaining; All those Buildings called *The Grainery, Bakehouse, and Brewhouse*, and all other Buildings and Rooms belonging to the said School, Library, or to any of the premises before mentioned, with their and every of their appurtenances in Westminster aforesaid; all those Alms-houses lately belonging unto the said Colledge, with all and every of their Rights, members and appurtenances whatsoever, to them or any of them belonging, situate in Westminster aforesaid; all those several Messuages or Tenements belonging to the Prebends of the said Collegiate Church, with all Stables, Outhouses, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, and other appurtenances whatsoever, to them or any of them belonging

ging in *Westminster* aforesaid; except that House, with the appurtenances, wherein Doctor *Steward* lately lived; and is now settled by Act of Parliament on the Sergeant at Arms attending the House; all that Common, called or known by the name of *Tuthil Fields*, with all its Rights, members and appurtenances whatsoever, in the County of *Middlesex*, which of Right did formerly belong to the late Dean and Chapter of *Westminster*: All that Messuage called *The School-house*, and all Outhouses, Gardens, Orchards, Yards, and other appurtenances thereunto belonging in *Cheswick*, in the said County of *Middlesex*; And all Profits, Commodities, Emoluments and Hereditaments whatsoever, to the said premises or any of them belonging, or with them or any of them heretofore occupied or enjoyed, in as large and ample manner, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as the said late Dean and Chapter, or any person or persons claiming by, from or under them did or might enjoy the same; And all those several yearly Rents, sums of Money, and other annual Revenues, to be issuing out of, or payable for the several Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereafter particularly nominated; *viz.*

The School-house in Cheswick.

Com. Middlesex.

Andrew Durdand, for the Manor of *Yeovenny*, Rent seventeen pounds, and six pounds thirteen shillings four pence for Beeves, and one Boar, or ten

ten shillings in money, twenty four pounds three shillings four pence.

The Lady *Anne Wade*, for the Manor of *Belizee* nineteen pounds two shillings ten pence, and ten Loads of Hay, and five Quarters of Oats, nineteen pounds two shillings ten pence.

William Kerby, for *Hodford* and *Beachamp Grove* thirteen pounds four shillings, two Capons, thirteen shillings four pence.

John Marsh, for *Cowhouse* in *Hodford*, &c. twenty pounds.

Arthur Duck, for the Manor of *Cheswick*, seventeen pounds nineteen shillings eleven pence, ten Quarters of Mault, five Quarters of Wheat, or an Ox or thirteen pounds, thirty pounds nineteen shillings eleven pence.

Sir William Roberts, Farmer of Lands in *Wilsden*, one pound seventeen shillings, ten pence.

Com. Berks.

The Bayliwick of *Bagnor Poughley*, and *Priors Court*, eleven pounds nineteen shillings three pence.

The Bayliwick of *Stephington*, thirty five pounds nineteen shillings two pence farthing.

The Manor of *Stephington*, forty three Quarters of Mault.

John Read, for a Fulling Mill in *Bagnor*, one pound sixteen shillings four pence.

Edmund Wifeman Esq; for the Manor and Demesn Lands of *Stephington*, ten quarters of Mault, twenty seven pounds.

John

John Fettiplace Esq; Farmer of the Manor of *Let-comb Regis*, sixty pounds; the same, forty Quarters of Mault.

Richard Jordan, for a parcel of Meadow in the Parish of *Spine*, six shillings eight pence.

William Price, for five parcels of Meadow in the Parishes of *Offington* and *Parisford*, one pound one shilling.

Margaret Stephens, for two Acres of Land, and a Water Mill near *Stephington*, three pounds.

John Collins, Farmer of the Manor of *Westbet-terton cum Membr'* fourteen pounds, sixteen shil-lings eight pence.

John Parker, for the Manor of *Bagnor*, eleven pounds.

William Bury, for certain Tucking-Mills in *Bagnor*, four pounds.

Thomas Earnley, Farmer of the Manor of *Cow-ridge*, alias *Priors Court*, four pounds six shillings eight pence.

Com. Bedford.

Solomon Swail Esq; Farmer of the Manor of *Holm* and *Langford*, eight pounds and two pence.

Com. Bucks.

Henry Heins, Farmer of the Manor of *Thurve-ston*, thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence.

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Com. Essex.

Robert Harrington, Farmer of the Manor of Bon-vills, five pounds six shillings eight pence.

Katherine Lady Owfield, for certain Marshes in Bemfleet, called *Mansweek*, *Shoarweek* and *Hopesweek*, eighteen pounds six shillings eight pence.

Thomas Bleach, for certain Crofts in great *Waltham*, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Com Huntington.

Henry Iles, Farmer of the Manor of *Oxford Cluny*, twenty two pounds.

John Glover Esq; Farmer of the Manor of *Waternenton*, twenty four pounds.

Com. Hartford.

The Bayliwick of *Whethamsted* and *Harpenden*, *per annum* fifty one pounds seventeen shillings four pence half penny.

Sir John Garrard Knight, for the Demeasne Lands of the Manor and Mill of *Whethamsted*, ninety Quarters and four Bushels of wheat, two Quarters of Oats, and two Quarters of Oatmeal.

Edward Bosden Esq; Farmer of the Manor of *Kennesbarn*, Fourteen Quarters of Wheat, and fourteen pounds.

Robert Newel, for two Woods in *Whethamsted*, called

called *Marshals* and *Butlers* Wood, twelve shillings.
 Sir *George Kemp Knight*, for Woods in *Kennef-barn*, called *Hedge Grove*, *per annum* one pound sixteen shillings.

Com. Lincoln.

Nightingale Kime Esq; Farmer of the Manor of *Fan and Strange*, alias *Rochford Tower*, thirty three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Anne Nichols and *Thomas Hunt*, for the Manor of *Bourton and Halton Blechford*, forty one pounds.

Com. Northampton.

The Earl of *Peterborough*, for the Fee-farm Rent of the Manor of *Sudbury*, seven pounds.

The Lady *Brudenell*, for the Manor of *Dean*, eighteen pounds.

Com. Oxon.

John Banks and *Thomas Gilder*, for the Manor of *Islip*, fifty four pounds nineteen shillings four pence.

Richard Oakley Esq; Farmer of the Manor of *Launton*, forty pounds thirteen shillings four pence; the same, for encrease of Rent, eleven pounds six shillings eight pence.

The Lord *William Burley* late Treasurer of *Eng-land*, for Land in *Finchstock* and *Fowler*, for the use

of the School to buy Books, in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Marten*, *William Preddy*, and *William Hedges*, thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence.

Com. Rutland.

William Whalley, for two Mills in *Barlithorp*, two pounds six shillings eight pence.

The Bayliwick of the Manor of *Oakeham*, per annum twenty two pounds two shillings penny half penny.

Com. Glouc: & Wigorn.

Richard Dowdeswel Esq; Farmer of *Deerhurst* and *Longdon*, ninety eight pounds twelve shillings nine pence half penny.

William Hancock, Farmer of the Manor of *Hardwick*, twenty four pounds.

James Powel, for the Manor of *Deerhurst*; twelve pounds.

Henry Bret Esq; Farmer of the Manor of *Cowley*, twenty pounds eighteen shillings.

Miles Corney, for the Manor of *Courney* and *Burton*, thirteen pounds ten shillings.

John Wrenford, Farmer of the Manor of *Langdon*, eight pounds.

Richard Tirret, Farmer of the Manor of *Chadley*, ten pounds.

Sir William Russel, Farmer of the Manor of *Castle*

He Morton, fourteen pounds sixteen shillings eight pence.

William Lamb, Farmer of the Manor of *Longley*, two pounds.

Miles Corney, Farmer of the Manor of *Bourton* and *Merton-Henmarsh*, twenty four pounds three shillings six pence.

Com Wigorn.

Doctor William Steed, Farmer of the Manor of *Eckington*, *Peasham*, *Pinfen*, *Wikenigh*, *Parshore*, *Brighampton*, *Compton* and *Elmly*, *Binholm*, *Parshore*, *Portsmouth*, *Pendock* and *Harwel Wood*, *Tydsley* Park, and *Atlinch*, one hundred seventeen pounds, eighteen shillings ten pence half penny; the same Farmer of the Manor of *Church Homborn*, ten pounds nine shillings four pence.

Sir Robert Heath, Farmer of the Manor of *Castle Norton*, sixty pounds.

Westminster and Knightsbridge.

Within the Close half yearly, *Richard Blower*, one Tenement, one pound. Within the Close half yearly.

Sir Robert Pye Knight, one Tenement, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Robert Newel, one Tenement, six shillings eight pence:

Thomas Kequick, one Tenement, ten shillings.

Thomas Lidcot, one Tenement, two pounds thirteen

teen shillings four pence; the same for water to it, one shilling.

Anne Frost, three shillings four pence.

William Gawan, one Tenement, three shillings four pence.

Anne Frost, four shillings.

Anne Frost, a little slip of ground, eight pence.

William Ivat, one Tenement, Garden, Stable and Hayloft twelve shillings.

Edmund Palmer, one Stable, Coach-house and Hayloft, two shillings six pence.

John Whistler, one plat of Ground, Buildings and Water, five shillings four pence.

Sir Arthur Ingram, one Tenement, Garden and Water, six shillings eight pence; the same, a Stable, Coach-house and Hayloft, two shillings six pence.

John Packer Esq; a Stable, Coach-house and Hayloft, five shillings.

Margaret Jackson, &c. one Tenement, six shillings eight pence.

Executors to the Countess of *Dorchester*, one Tenement, one pound; the same, one plat of Ground, two shillings; the same, one Tenement, three shillings four pence.

Francis Lord Daincourt, one Tenement, six shillings eight pence; the same, a Stable, Coach-houses, Hayloft, two shillings six pence.

Sir Thomas Ailsbury Knight, one Coach-house, two shillings.

Sir Edward Powel Knight, one Tenement, Garden, Stable, &c. three pounds six shillings eight pence;

pence ; the same, a Coach-house, and Wood-house, three shillings four pence.

Sir *Henry Seward*, one Tenement, five shillings ; the same, a Backside, and water to it, one shilling eight pence.

Aquila Wykes Esq; for the *Gatehouse*, five pounds.

Richard Maddison, one Tenement and Shop, thirteen shillings four pence.

Sir *Randal Crew Knight*, and *John Crew* Esq; one Tenement, one pound three shillings four pence ; the same, one little part and piece of *Ground*, one shilling.

Edward Pit Esq; one Tenement, one pound three shillings four pence.

Sir *Robert Philmore Knight*, one Tenement, one pound.

The Close and Bowling Alley Quarterly.

Sir *Thomas Ailsbury Knight*, one Tenement, four pounds.

The Close and
Bowling Alley,
quarterly.

John Packer Esq; one Tenement, four pounds.

Thomas Day Gentleman, one Tenement, ten shillings.

Finch her Children, one Tenement, ten shillings.

Mary Hooper Widow, one Tenement, five shillings.

Bridget Mintern, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

John

John Packer Esq; and Wooley Leigh, one Tenement, two pounds.

Sir Thomas Aylsbury, one little addition, one shilling.

John Packer Esq; one little addition, one shilling.

Certain Lodgings in the Cloysters, Henry Cook, certain Lodging in the Cloysters, five shillings.

Thomas Faldoe Esq; divers Tenements and Gardens, five pounds thirteen shillings four pence; more for the same Tenements to the singingmen, five pounds.

Roger Lloyd and Anne his wife, divers Tenements, one pound.

Edward Wright Esq; divers Tenements and Gardens, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Tuthil Street South.

William Antrobus Gent. five Tenements, four pounds six shillings eight pence.

James Parcal, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

Robert Newport, one Tenement, one pound.

John Grauntane, Elizabeth his wife, one Tenement, one pound.

Sir Richard Manley Knight, one Tenement one pound.

Henry Graunt, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence, the same one other Tenement, one pound.

John Brigham Gent. six Tenements, two pounds six shillings eight pence.

James

Tuthil Street South.

James Hooper and Margaret his wife, two Tenements, sixteen shillings.

Robert Percival and his wife, one Tenement, one pound.

Elizabeth Brugg, two Tenements, one pound twelve shillings.

James Chapman, one Tenement, one pound.

Laurence Gibson, two Tenements, two pounds two shillings eight pence.

Leasees for the poor, two Tenements, one pound thirteen shillings four pence.

Elizabeth Brugh Widow, one Tenement more, one pound.

Edward Evered, one Tenement, twelve shillings.

Foulk Roberts, one Tenement, sixteen shillings.

Leasees for the poor, four Tenements, two pounds four pence.

Francis Page, eight Tenements, one pound eight shillings eight pence.

Elizabeth Brugh widow, two Tenements and Gardens, nineteen shillings four pence.

William Antrobus Gent. one Tenement, nine shillings eight pence; the same, seven Tenements, one pound eight shillings.

William Iuat, eleven Tenements, fifteen shillings four pence.

Leasees for the poor, two pieces of ground, one shilling two pence.

Tuthil street North Quarterly.

Tuthil Street
North Quer-
terly.

James Marten, for a piece of ground, five shillings.

Gregory Bambury and *Ux*, and *James Guy*, divers Tenements, twelve shillings.

William Antrobus Gent. divers Tenements and Gardens, six shillings.

Robert Boys, six Tenements, one pound.

James Parcal, one Tenement, sixteen shillings eight pence.

William Antrobus Gent. one Tenement, two pounds.

Humphrey Dethick and *Elizabeth his wife*, three Tenements, one pound ten shillings.

Charls Tinder the Cook, three pounds.

William Man, one Tenement, for *Mr. Edmund Doubledays Children*, one pound eleven shillings four pence.

Adoniah Fox, two Tenements, thirteen shillings four pence.

William Awbrey, and *Ione his wife*, one Tenement, one pound.

John Drinkwater, one Tenement, one pound.

Nicholas Banister, and *Susan his wife*, one Tenement, ten shillings.

Nicholas Burnel, one Tenement, six shillings eight pence.

William Antrobus, one Tenement, one pound ten shillings; the same, two Tenements, one pound sixteen shillings.

Tuthil Street South and North, half yearly.

Charls Ireland, five Tenements, six shillings Tuthil street
eight pence. South and
North half
yearly.

John Sreasper, one Tenement, six shillings.

St. Armins Hill, divers Tenements for the poor,
one shilling two pence.

Richard Pagget, *St. Martins Tithes*, and eight
Tenements, four pounds six shillings eight pence;
more for the Singingman, nine pounds.

William Appleford, and *Dowsable* his wife, eight
Tenements, thirteen shillings four pence.

Jone Wilson widow, two Tenements and Gar-
dens, one pound.

Thomas Wytham Esq; one Tenement, sixteen
shillings.

Christopher Birkhead, one Tenement, ten shil-
lings.

Two Tenements for the poor, six shillings eight
pence.

Michaelmas Tantum.

Robert Boys, one Garden-plat, one shilling.

Robert Eyre Esq; one Tenement, one pound five
shillings.

Tuthil Street quit Rent, Michaelmas Tantum.

Tuthil Street
Quit Rents,
Michaelmas
Tantum.

William Lord Maynard, divers Tenements, three shillings two pence.

Daniel Clark Esq; two Tenements, one shilling eight pence.

Robert Newport, one Tenement, ten pence.

Alice Davenport widow, one Tenement, two shillings six pence.

Daniel Clark, one other Tenement, eight pence.

Nicholas Burnel, five Tenements, six pence.

Thalmery quarterly.

Thalmery
Quarterly.

John Marcal, one Tenement, one pound four shillings eight pence.

John Elston, one Tenement, one pound.

James Church, one Tenement, one pound; the same, one Tenement for two Singingmen, eight pounds.

Edward Fulbam, one Tenement, one pound.

Sir Robert Pye, one Garden and Buildings thereon, ten shillings; the same for a Coach-house, four pence.

Thomas Morris and Edward Stapleton, one Tenement, one pound.

John Creamer and Edward Knatchbul, two Tenements, two pounds.

John Allen, one Tenement, one pound.

Matthew

Matthew Beck, one Tenement, one pound.

William Web, six Tenements, five pounds six shillings.

Margery Patrick, divers Tenements and Gardens, three shillings and four pence; the same, divers other Tenements and Gardens, two shillings eight pence.

Bartholomew Overa, two tenements, two pounds.

Thomasin Moulton widow, one Tenement, one pound.

Laurence Gibson, one pound sixteen shillings and four pence; the same one other Tenement, six shillings eight pence.

Thomas Hazard Singingman, *vacat*.

Richard Hunt, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

Margaret Stockdale, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

James Try Singingman, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

John Clark, Singingman, *vacat*.

Mr. Thomas Moor, thirteen shillings four pence.

Josias Broom and *Anne* his wife, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

Thomas Kequick, one Tenement, one pound twelve shillings.

Bevil Winberly Esq; for the Singingmens Rents, eight pounds.

Bartholomew Overa, one Tenement, one pound twelve shillings.

Leonard Brasford, one Tenement one pound ten shillings; the same, more for the Singingmen, two pounds.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Heywood Widow, one Tenement, one pound thirteen shilling four pence.

Thomas Hesbeth, and *Anne his wife*, five Tenements, three pounds four shillings eight pence.

William Antrobus, one Garden and Buildings, six shillings eight pence.

Jofias Broom, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

Francis Page, six tenements, one pound.

Joan Wilson widow, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

Francis Page, divers Tenements, two pounds eight shillings.

Henry Haslefoot, five Tenements, one pound one shilling eight pence.

Richard Stanlake, four Tenements and a Garden-
plat, two pounds six shillings eight pence; the same,
nine Tenements and a Garden, fifteen shillings.

Quit Rents.

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Elioner Ireland, four Tenements, one shilling six pence.

Late Joseph Bradshaw, three Tenements, one shilling six pence.

Humphrey Warmer, five Tenements, ten pence.

Thomas Tyro, nine Tenements, nine pence.

Thomas Roch Esq; divers Tenements, two shillings.

Sanctuary

Sanctuary quarterly.

Dorothy Osborn, four Tenements, ten pounds ten shillings. Sanctuary quarterly.

Francis Burges and *Ux^r Elizabeth*, one Tenement, one pound six shillings eight pence.

William Lloyd, one Tenement, one pound thirteen shillings four pence; the same, one other Tenement, one pound.

Mary White, one Tenement, three pounds.

Church-yard.

William Ethridge, divers Tenements, four Church-yard, pounds.

Harcourt Leighton Esq; one Tenement, two pounds.

William Antrobus, one Tenement, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence; the same, one other Tenement, two pounds.

Sir Richard Manley Knight, one Tenement, three pounds: the Assigns of *Sir Richard Manley*, *Thomas Barrard*, one pound.

Sir Richard Manley Knight, one Tenement, one pound.

Love Lane:

*The Company of Armorer*s, four Tenements, Love Lane, one pound one shilling.

Robert

Robert Bullock, five Tenements, seven pounds.

Nicholas Butler, two Tenements, one pound eight shillings; the same, three other Tenements, by several Leafes, three pounds.

Jane Barebone, one Tenement, one pound.

Richard Hunt, one Tenement, one pound.

James Chapman; one Tenement, one pound three shillings four pence.

Sanctuary.

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George Hurlock, two Tenements, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Julian Eliot, one Tenement, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Elizabeth Huxley, one Tenement, two pounds.

Tobias Norton, one Tenement, one pound five shillings four pence.

Christopher Birkhead, one Tenement, two pounds.

William Lingham, one Tenement, one pound; the same one Tenement, two pounds.

John Gardiner, one Tenement, one pound six shillings eight pence.

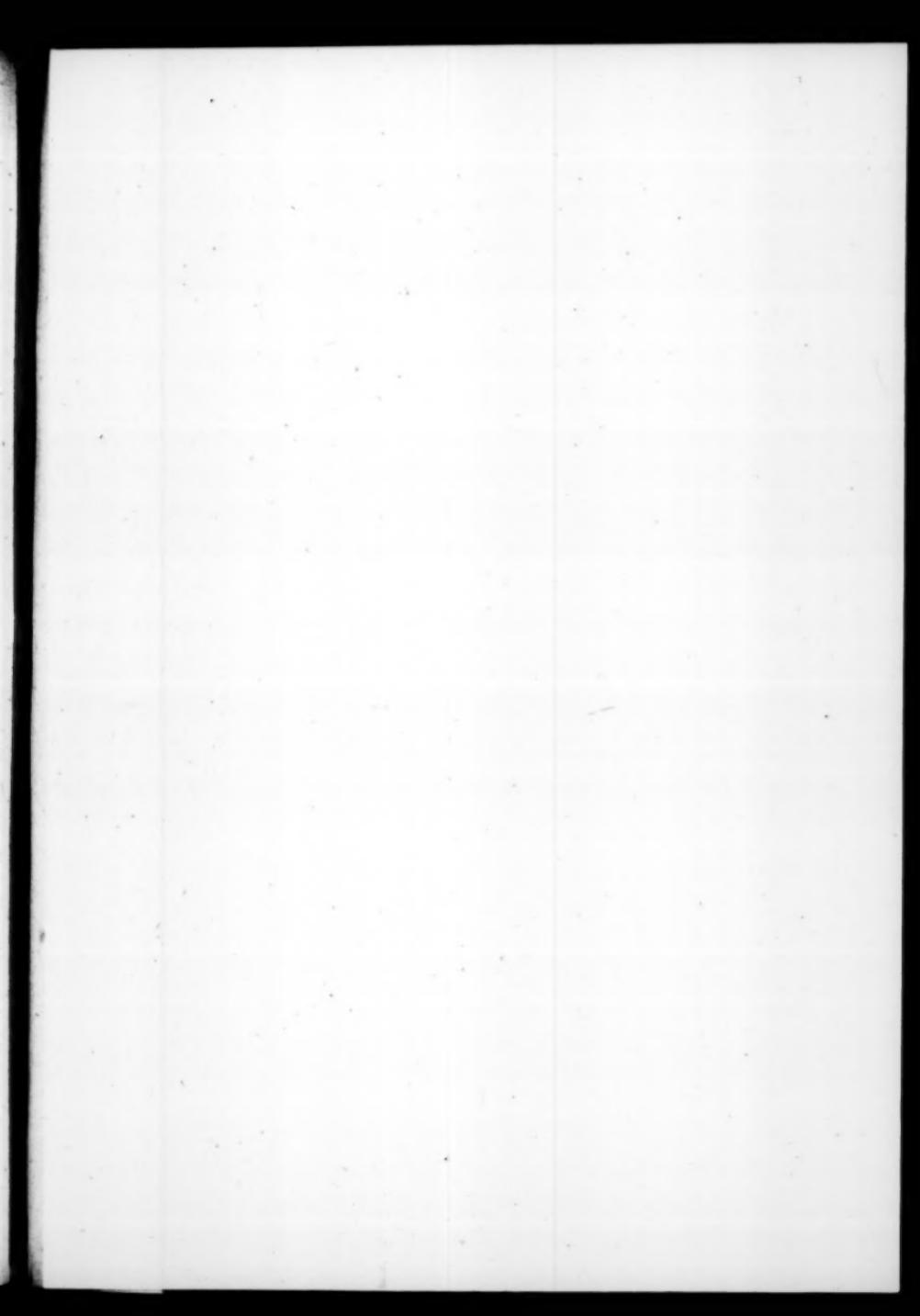
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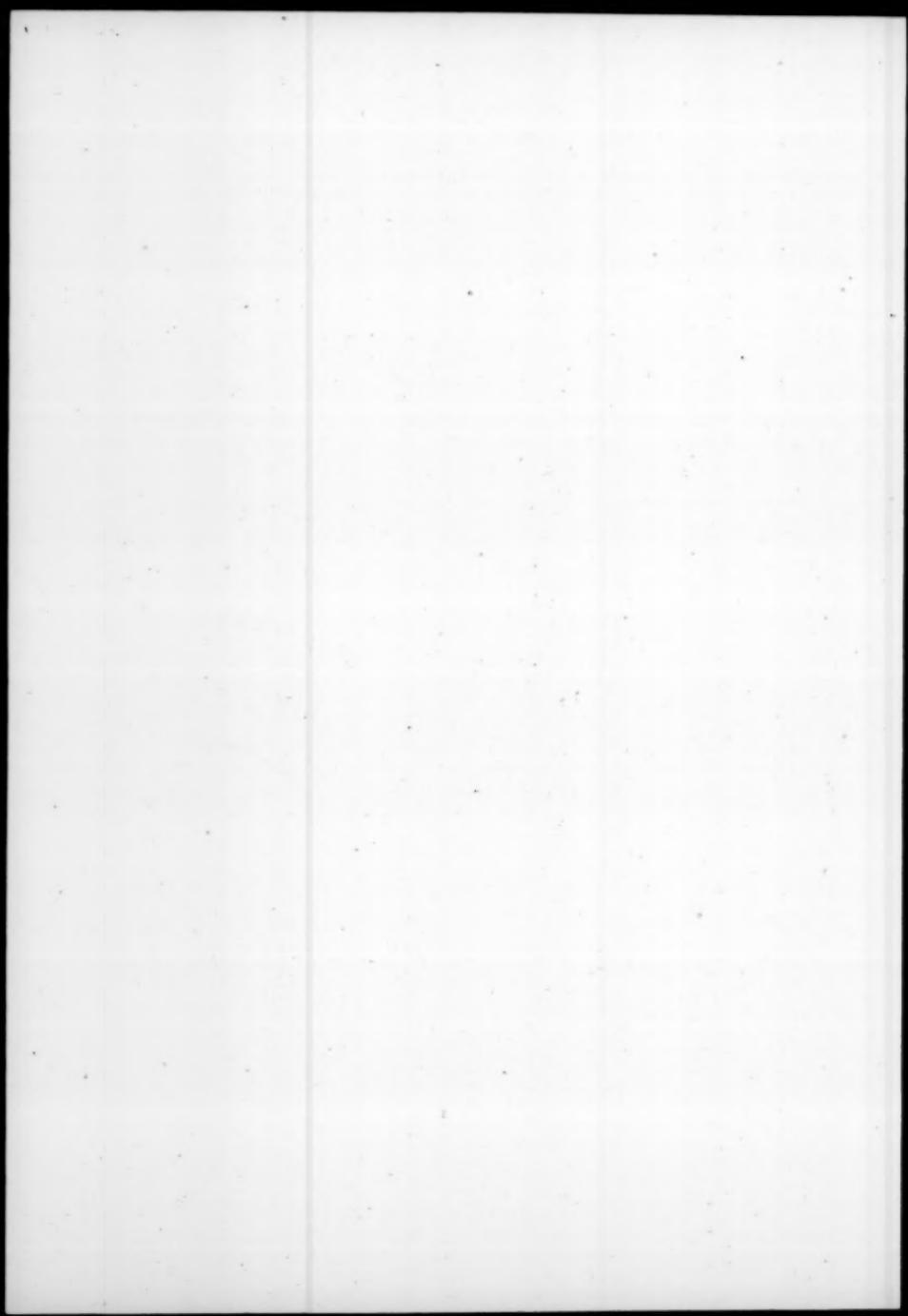
Greens-Alley.

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Thomas Manley, five Tenements, two pounds two shillings.

John





John Gardiner, one Tenement, one pound eleven shillings four pence.

Simon Gibons, by several Leases, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Sanctuary.

William Antrobus, two Tenements, three pounds; *Sanctuary*. the same, two other Tenements, two pounds six shillings eight pence; the same, two other Tenements, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

James Hooper, three Tenements, three pounds ten shillings ten pence.

Edward Evered, three Tenements, four pounds.

William Antrobus, the Castle-Tavern and nine Tenements, eleven pounds four pence.

James Chapman, three Tenements, two pounds.

John Newport, one pound twelve shillings.

Francis Burgins and *Elizabeth Ux'*, four Tenements, three pounds five shillings.

Mr. Willis & alias, for the three Tuns, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

John Newport Esq; one Tenement, two pounds six shillings eight pence.

Dorothy Osborn, one Tenement and Shed, four pounds two shillings.

William Ireland, one Tenement, one pound.

Matthew VValbank, two Tenements, thirteen shillings four pence.

Edward Rogers, a piece of ground, one shilling.

Jane Lancaster Widow, one Tenement, two pounds.

*John Brown Esq, one Tenement, two pounds.
George Medborn, one Tenement, one pound thirteen shillings four pence.*

Divers Leases for the poor, one Tenement, one pound.

Thomas Manley Esq; an Alley edifice & Ground, ten shillings: the same, a Cellar, a Loft, and piece of Ground, six shillings eight pence.

Aquila Vykes, one Garden-plat, five shillings.

Mistress Elizabeth Newell, a Stable, one pound.

Laurence Gibson, three Tenements, two pounds.

Thomas and Anne Smithes, Feoffees for Mistress Hardings Grand-children, two pounds eight shillings.

Laurence Gibson, four Tenements, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Thomas and Anne Smith, Feoffees for Mistress Hardings Grand-children, one shilling eight pence; the same for a piece of ground, six pence.

Kings-street West.

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West.

George Perry, for the Black-Eagle, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Ione Wilson widow, two Tenements, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

James Chapman, the Bell Tavern, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

Dame Katherine Baskerville, the Boars-Head, eight pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

*Mr. Sharpe and ux', one Tenement, two pounds.
Lane*

Jane Sweetnam widow, one Tenement, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Robert Mawer and *Sarah Ux*, the Swan Tavern, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

James Parcal, one Tenement, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

Humphrey Dethick and *Ux'*, one Tenement, two pounds.

Robert Price, one Tenement and Garden, two pounds.

Divers Feoffees for the poor, one pound fourteen shillings.

John Clark, divers Tenements, five pounds.

John Cholmley and *William Turner*, one Tenement, seventeen shillings ten pence.

George Marten, one Tenement, seventeen shillings ten pence.

Thomas and Henry Smithes, Feoffees for Mistris *Hardings* Grand Children, eighteen shillings.

William Antrobus, three Tenements, one pound eighteen shillings four pence.

Elizabeth Hampden, one Tenement, two pounds.

William Bell, four Tenements, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

John Pluckner, three Tenements, one pound eight pence.

Adam Acton, one Tenement, one pound.

Nicholas Butler, one Tenement, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Francis Beal & Ux', one Tenement, six shillings eight pence.

William Huntley, divers Tenements, three pounds.

Howard Strachy, one Tenement, three pounds.
John Brigham, one Tenement, thirteen shillings four pence.

Francis and Robert White, one Tenement, one pound ten shillings.

Richard Scut, one Tenement, one pound ten shillings.

Thomas Morrice and Edward Stapleton, divers Tenements, three pounds.

Christopher Bennel, divers Tenements, three pounds.

Francis Ireland, the *Sarafens Head*, four pounds.

Nicholas Butcher, two Tenements, four pounds.

Francis Ireland, three Tenements, six pounds; the same, one Tenement, two pounds.

Quit Rents.

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Francis Townley, for the *George*, six shillings eight pence.

William Huntley, fourteen pence, and *Nicholas Butler*, ten pence; two shillings.

Stephen Boreman, two shillings.

William Bell, for the *black Bell*, one shilling.

Sir Henry Fines, for the *Three Conies*, three shillings four pence; the same, other Tenements, late *Henderbies*, one shilling eleven pence.

Sir Edward Powel, for the *Kings Head*, seven shillings.

Nicholas Burnel, for the *Antelope*, one shilling two pence.

Mr.

Mr. Leigh, for one Tenement, five shillings.
Late Andrew Bright, six Tenements, one penny.

Charing-Cross Street.

Brider Mintern, nine Tenements, two pounds Charing-cross
 thirteen shillings four pence. street.

Simon Green, one Tenement, one pound.

Agnes Harris widow, one Tenement, three shillings four pence; the same, one other Tenement, ten shillings.

John Thorp, four Tenements, one pound.

Sir Richard Wynne Knight, one Tenement, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

Dame Martha Atcheson, three pounds three shillings.

Thomas Cardiff, the Lyon Tenements, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

Thomas Sheaf Doctor of Physick, ten shillings.

Quit Rents.

William Downs, for the Bell, one shilling eight Quit Rents. pence.

Sir George Moor, one Tenement, one shilling four pence.

Mr. Moor, two Tenements, four pence.

Earl of Suffolk, for the Cross-keys, one shilling.

Thomas Baldwin Esq; four Tenements, eight pence.

William Lord Harvey, two Tenements, four pence.

Sir.

Sir William Wade, for the Hermitage, two pence.

St. Clements within Temple Bar.

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within Temple-
Bar.

William Prescot, four Tenements, one pound.

Edward Somerford, part of the Plough, eight
pence; the same one other Tenement, eight pence.

Richard Brome, one Tenement, eight pence.

Savoy Parish.

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George Kequide, for the Bear, paid by Edward
Kirkham Gent. four shillings.

St. Giles in the fields.

St. Giles in the
Fields.

Henry Level, and Thomas Goodwyn, for a piece of
Croft and certain Tenements, two shillings.

William Short, for another Croft, with other Te-
nements, three shillings.

William Barber, a parcel of the said Croft, with
other Tenements, one shilling.

Knightsbridge.

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Sir George Stonehouse Knight, certain Lands, three
pounds thirteen shillings and four pence.

Sir Robert Fen, Copyhold Land, two pounds.

James VVinter, for the Lazer-house, four shil-
lings; more in the same Lease for a piece of ground,
four pence.

John

John Glasington, for a Garden-Plat by Copy, eight pence; more for a Sign-Post, four pence.

Agnan Dofham, Menschamp for his free Land, seven shillings and a penny.

Lady Blague, for Land, late *Hill and Fry*, one penny.

Bartholomew Puttock Gent, in part of Dr. *Lawrence* his Free Land, two shillings three pence half penny; the same, more for a Croft holden by Copy, one shilling four pence; the same, more for a piece of Ground taken out of the Common, six pence.

Chidwick Roe Gent. for a third part of Doctor *Hussey's* free Lands, two shillings three pence half penny.

Edward Skipper Gent. for one third part, two shillings three pence half penny.

• *Elizabeth Sharp*, for a Sign-post, four pence.

Richard Callaway, for a Sign-post, four shillings four pence.

London and Martins Le Grand.

Humphrey Hide, one Tenement, called the Sign of the Crown, four pounds eight shillings eight pence.

London and
Martins Le
Grand.

Thomas Hunt, one Tenement, four pounds.

Mr. Francis Manning, one Tenement, three pounds.

Matthew Jumper, for divers Tenements in *Bell-Alley*, five pounds five shillings; the same, for a Shop in *Bell-Alley*, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Mistris

Mistris Frances Manning, one Tenement, eight pounds.

Abraham Cullen, one Tenement, and two Capons, five pounds six shillings eight pence.

Henry Harriet & Ux' for one Tenement, two pounds eleven shillings four pence; the same, for one Tenement, four pounds.

Edward Frank, one Tenement, two pounds.

Mat'ew Jumper, one Tenement, two pounds.

John Mort, and *Mistris Mary Fielder*, one Tenement, two pounds three shillings four pence.

Henry Hastings, for one Tenement, two pounds four shillings.

Henry Johnson, one Tenement, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

James Heams, one Tenement, three pounds.

Robert Davenport, for a parcel of Tenements, one shilling.

Mary Petchal, one Tenement, one pound six shillings eight pence.

John Highlard and Susan Ux', for divers Tenements, twenty one pounds.

John Trot, one Tenement, and two Capons, three pounds six shillings eight pence; the same, for a Shop and two Capons, two shillings; the same, for a parcel of Land, one shilling.

Robert Parmer, an Entry at the three Kings, ten shillings.

Francis Hurdman, one Tenement in Aldermanbury, two pounds.

Thomas Peak, one Tenement, and two Capons, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

An Entry at
the Three
Kings.
Aldermanbury.

Bazil

Bazil Foster and *Henry Mills*, one Tenement, three pounds sixteen shillings.

Company of Broyderers, for one Tenement, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Thomas Paget, one Tenement, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Randal Brisco, one Tenement, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Anthony Johnson, one Tenement, three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Susanna Farrar, one Tenement, called the Tigers head, two pounds.

Thomas Hurdman, divers Tenements, three pounds fifteen shillings four pence.

Mistris Katherine Mitchel, divers Tenements, twenty pounds two shillings four pence.

Robert Valence, one Tenement, four shillings.

John Trot, for the Deans Hall, four shillings.

Robert Valence, for divers Tenements, three pounds.

Thomas Sallows, divers Tenements, and four Capons or twelve shillings, seven pounds ten shillings.

Andrew Hall and *John Spencer*, divers Tenements, ten pounds.

John Trot, for *John Hills* Shed, eight pence.

Simon Greenhil, for two Tenements, six shillings eight pence.

Robert Childe, for a Tenement and two Capons, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

William Symonds, for divers Tenements in *Gutter Lane*, four pounds sixteen shillings eight pence.

John Lightborn, for two Tenements, two pounds eight pence.

Arthur Iuxton, for a Tenement and two Capons, one pound three shillings four pence.

John Lightborn, one Tenement and two Hens, one pound.

Nathaniel Pike, a Tenement in *Mary Somerset*, one pound thirteen shillings four pence.

Milk-street. *John Huxley*, two Tenements in *Milkstreet*, one pound thirteen shillings four pence.

Mary Mount-halt. *Michael Hirons*, for two Tenements in *Mary Mounthalt*, three pounds.

St. Alphage within Cripplegate.

St. Alphage within Cripplegate. *John, Thomas, Randal and Charles Wallinger*, for one Tenement, two Capons or five shillings, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Mary Wakefield, one Tenement within *Cripplegate*, one pound nine shillings four pence.

Morgan Johnson, one Tenement, and two Capons, one pound.

Grub-street and Moor-Lane. *Elizabeth Waller*, and divers Tenants in *Grub-street and Moor Lane*, two pounds thirteen shillings four pence.

Fetter Lane. *William Megs*, for divers Tenements in *Fetter-Lane*, one pound ten shillings.

Noble-street. *Henry Prat*, one Tenement in *Noble-Street*, two pounds six shillings eight pence.

Wood-street. *Gabriel Newman*, for the Cross-Keys in *Wood-street*, and two Capons or five shillings, seven pounds six shillings eight pence.

Alice

Alice Heylein, a Tenement there, two shillings.

The Company of Mercers, for a yearly Rent payable out of the *Greyhound*, in the Parish of St. Leonards in *Eastcheap*, four shillings; the Company of Mercers, for an Annual Rent out of a Tenement in the Parish of St. Martins *Outwich*, twenty shillings; out of a Tenement in the Parish of St. Olivers, twenty shillings; out of a Tenement in St. Johns in *Walbrook*, three shillings; two pounds three shillings.

St. Leonards
in Eastcheap.

St. Martins
Outwich.

St. Olivers.
St. Johns in
Walbrook.

The Company of Haberdashers, for a Tenement in the Parish of St. Mary in *Staining-Lane*, twelve shillings.

St. Mary in
Staining-Lane.

Samuel Chaplin, for the Bell in Friday-Street, one pound five shillings.

Charls Harris, for a Pension payable out of the Rose and Noble, &c. in St. Leonards in Eastcheap, fourteen shillings eight pence; the Company of Merchant Taylors, for a Rent out of the Saralens-Head in Friday-Street, twenty shillings; out of a Tenement in the Parish of St. Martins in the Vintry, twelve shillings; and out of a Tenement in the Parish of Wool-Church, nine shillings; one pound six shillings and six pence, and fourteen shillings and six pence.

St. Leonard in
Eastcheap.

Friday-street.

St. Martins in
the Vintry.
Wool-Church
Parish.

The Company of Goldsmiths, for a Tenement in the Parish of St. Zachary's, three shillings four pence; a Tenement out of All-Saints in *Bread street*, fifteen shillings; and a Tenement in Saint-Matthews in *Friday street*, twelve shillings; two pounds four pence, the same, for a Tenement in *silver-street*, in the Parish of St. Albans, twelve shillings.

St. Zachary's.
Bread-street.

Friday-street.

St. Albans Pa-
rish.

Fryday-street: The Company of Salters, for the *Angel* in Fryday-street, twenty shillings; and for their Hall in Breadstreet, six shillings eight pence, one pound six shillings eight pence.

Bread-street. Lionel Daniel, at the *White Bull* in Bow Lane, for the *Black Bell*, in the Parish of St. Margarets in Breadstreet, one pound seventeen shillings and eight pence.

Bow-Lane. Birch-in-Lane, for the *Princes Arms* in Birch-in-Lane, in the Parish of St. Michael in Cornhill, six shillings eight pence.

Bread-street. Birch-in-Lane. Abraham Hedge, for the *Looking-Glass* in Birch-in-Lane, in the Parish of St. Michael in Cornhill, one shilling three pence.

Birch-in-Lane. John Pease, for the *Swan* there, two shillings six pence.

Francis Dryhurst, for the *Lute* there, one shilling three pence.

Sir William Cowper, for the *Rainbow*, one shilling three pence.

John Macrow for the *Star*, one shilling three pence.

George Dawson, for the *White Bear*, two shillings six pence.

St. Magnes, and New-fishstreet. The Chamber of London, for a Rent out of the Crown, in the Parish of St. Magnes, four shillings and for the *Dragon* in Newfishstreet, four shillings; eight shillings.

The Tenure of the Houses and Revenues. To be held for ever hereafter by the said Governors and their Successors, of the *Keepers of the Liberties of England*, in free and perpetual Alms, absolutely acquitted, and for ever hereafter discharged

ged of and from all Rents, Annual Tents, and all sums of money whatsoever, and all Arrerages thereof, and of and from all Charges, Seizures and Proces whatsoever; and all Assessments, Taxes, and all other Payments whatsoever, ordinary or extraordinary, heretofore granted by Parliament, or by or upon any other pretence demanded or claimed: And that the said Governors and their Successors, by the same Name, shall and may have power, and are hereby authorized, To Demise, Lease and Grant, and to take, acquire and purchase, and to sue and be sued, and to do, perform and execute all and every other lawful Act and Acts, thing and things, good, necessary or profitable for the said Incorporation, and the Charitable Uses aforesaid, in as full and ample manner and form, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as any other Incorporation, or Body Politique or Corporate, fully and perfectly Founded and Incorporated may do; And that the same Governors and their Successors for the time being, and they or any five or more of them, may make, have and use one Common Seal, such as they shall think fit, for the doing and confirming all and every thing and things touching, or in any wise concerning the said Incorporation, or the charitable Uses aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Tenant and Tenants of the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments herein mentioned, or of any of them, out of which the said yearly Rents, sums of Money, and other Annual Revenues are issuing, or

The Revenues and premises acquitted and exempted from Rents, Seizures and Taxes.

The Governors empowered with the like authority as any other Corporation.

The Governors to make and use a Common Seal.

The Tenants of the Manors, Messuages and premises herein mentioned, and the Trustees to stand charged with the several Rents before expressed.

for which they shall be paid, and every person and persons claiming by, from or under them, or any of them: And the said Trustees, and their Heirs, and every person and persons having or claiming the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments herein mentioned, or any part thereof, shall hold the same charged and chargeable with such several yearly Rents, sums of money, and other annual Revenues and Profits respectively, as

The Rents to be paid to the Governors or such as they shall appoint in the Hall of the Deans house at the usual times of payment.

are herein expressed; and shall henceforth pay the same unto the said Governors and their Successors, or unto such person or persons as they shall appoint, in the Hall of the said house called the Deans house, at such days and times as the Tenants of the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments respectively, used heretofore to pay the said yearly Rents, sums of money, and other annual Revenues and Profits, unto the said late Dean and Chapter, or such as they did appoint; And if it happen at any time hereafter, that any of the said yearly Rents, sums of money, or other annual Revenues or Profits, or any part or parcel thereof be behinde and unpaid for the space of forty days, at any of the dayes or times at which the same ought to be paid, Then every such person and persons which ought to have paid the same, shall forfeit the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, unto the said Governors and their Successors,

Nomine pena. and also the like sums for every other twenty dayes that the same shall be behinde and unpaid: And it shall and may be lawful to the said Governors and their Successors, or unto such person or persons

persons as they or any five or more of them shall appoint, to enter into such of the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments mentioned, out of which the yearly Rent, sum of money, or other annual Revenue or Profit so behinde is issuing, or for which it ought to be paid, and to constrain for the same ; and also for every sum and sums of money so as aforesaid forfeited *Nomine pena* ; or it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and their Successors, at their election from time to time, to bring an Action of Debt in any of the Courts at *Westminster*, or elsewhere, against every such person and persons, for such arrearages of Rent, and sums of money due, *Nomine pena*, and to recover the same, together with their costs and damages allowed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and their Successors, shall have, receive, and take all such of the said yearly Rents and sums of money, and other annual Revenues and Profits, as became due and payable at any time since the eighth and twentieth of *March* last, and shall and may have the like remedy for the same, by distress or Action of Debt as aforesaid : And shall and may call to accompt all and every the Tenant and Tenants of the said late *Dean and Chapter* ; and all and every person and persons, who at any time since the year one thousand six hundred forty and one, have received any of the Rents, Revenues, Moneys, Provisions, or other annual profits, belonging to the said late *Dean and Chapter* ; and if any the Tenants refuse to

The Governors or such as they shall appoint to enter and constrain for the Rent, Arrear, and the *Nomine pena*.

The Governors to bring an action of debt, for Rent, Arrear, and *Nomine pena*.

The Governors to receive all Rents due since 28 of March 1649.

Tenements and Accomptants of the whole Denary since 1641. to accompt.

pay such their arrerages, or any other person or persons do refuse to pay such Rents, or other annual profits as he or they have so received, unto the said Governors and their Successors, or unto such person or persons as they shall appoint, Then the said Governors and their Successors, shall and may bring an Action of debt against every such Tenant and Tenants, Person and Persons, his and their Heirs, Executors or Administrators, in any the Courts at *Westminster*, or elsewhere, and recover the same with costs and damages; in which said last mentioned actions of debt, no defendant or defendants shall be admitted to plead any Statute or Statutes of limitation of actions, any Law, Statute or Statutes to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And all Committees whatsoever, and their Receivers and Collectors, are hereby required forthwith upon demand, to pay unto the said Governors and their Successors, or unto such person or persons as they shall nominate and appoint, All such Rents, Revenues, Moneys, and other profits belonging unto the said late Dean and Chapter, as any of them have received at any time since the said year, one thousand six hundred forty one.

The Governors out of the Revenues to maintain the School, &c. To govern according to the Statutes of the Colledge, not being superstitious.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and their Successors shall for ever hereafter out of the said Revenues hereby established, maintain the said School and Alms-houses, and the Members of every of them, and shall order, rule and govern the same, according to such Statutes (not being superstitious nor derogatory to the Government now established) as are to be

The Governors to sue for ar-rears of the whole Denary, wherein the sta-tute of Limita-tions to be no bar.

Committees of Sequestrations to pay the Go-vernors what they have re-ceived.

be found amongst the Statutes of the said late Col-
lege, touching or concerning the said School and
Alms-houses, and other charitable uses: and are
authorized and hereby enabled from time to time, Governors to
to place such poor men in the said Alms-houses place the Alms-
when any place shall become void, as they shall men.
think most deserving; and shall for ever hereafter
make such weekly allowance unto poor people, as Weekly allow-
the said late Dean and Chapter used or ought to ance to the
have done; And are hereby authorized and en-
abled, to order, rule and govern the Rents herein
mentioned, heretofore granted by Doctor *Williams* Doctor Willi-
unto the said late Dean and Chapter of *Westminster*, ams foundati-
for maintenance and education of four poor Schol- on.
lars in the said School, in such manner and form as
the said late Dean and Chapter stood bound to have
done; and shall and may henceforth for ever exe-
cute all Powers and Trusts whatsoever, which by a
certain Deed bearing date the six and twentieth of
April, one thousand six hundred twenty four, for
establishing the said Rents, were committed unto
the said Dean and Chapter. And for a constant
supply of able and learned Preachers on the Lords
Day, and daily morning Lecturers in the said Ab-
bey Church, according to an Ordinance of Parlia-
ment, of the eighteenth of *November*, one thousand
six hundred forty five (a work tending much to the
glory of God, and the comfort of the Inhabitants
of *Westminster* and the parts adjacent) Be it Ena- Trustees for
cted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Trustees maintenance of
for the maintenance of Ministers, shall annually pay Ministers to pay
unto Preachers and Lecturers, such Stipends and the Preachers in
the Abbey.

Governors to
remove and
place Ministers
in the Abbey.

The Governors
to repair the
Abbey and
other Build-
ings, and keep
necessary ser-
vants there.

Allowances as by the Committee for the said Col-
lege were heretofore settled upon them, and hi-
therto accordingly paid: And the said Governors
and their Successors, are hereby enabled and auth-
orized to remove any that now are, or hereafter shall
be Preachers or Lecturers, for Scandal or other just
cause; and within three Months next after any of
them so removed, or after the decease of any of
them, to elect in the place of him so removed or
deceasing, such an able, learned and godly Min-
ister, as they shall think most deserving. And the
said Governors and their Successors, out of the
yearly Revenues hereby established for ever here-
after, shall keep and maintain in good and sufficient
repair, the said Structure, called *The Abbey of West-
minster*, with the Cloysters and other Buildings
adjoining, and all other Houses and Buildings here-
by established on them, and shall keep such Ser-
vants and Officers, as shall be necessary for the
same; and shall do all such other pious and chari-
table works, as the said late Dean and Chapter
stood bound to do, out of the Revenues, and shall
order, govern and dispose all the said yearly Re-
venues, and other the premises hereby established,
to the best advantage of the said School, Alms-
houses, and other the Charitable Uses aforesaid,
according to the true intent and meaning of this
Act; And the said Governors and their Suc-
cessors, are hereby enabled to examine and take into
Consideration, the Statutes, Orders and Laws
touching or concerning the said School, Alms-
houses, and other the said Charitable Uses, and
to

to alter and change the same, and make new ones in their steads, for the better governing and regulating of the said School, Alms-houses, and other the Charitable Uses before mentioned ; and to present the same unto the Parliament, to be first allowed by them, before they be put in execution ; and after they shall be so allowed, all persons concerned, are hereby bound to take notice of, and to observe the same.

The Governors upon Examination of the Statutes, to agree upon additions and alteration, to be presented to the Parliament for confirmation.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to the said Governors and their Successors, of any five of them, to Demise and Lease all or any of the said Messuages or Houses, wherein the said late Dean or any of the Prebends lived ; and all Stables, Out-houses, Buildings, Yards, Gardens and Orchards, with their appurtenances established by this Act, and which now are not appointed, or hereafter shall not be found necessary for the Schollars, Officers, and Servants belonging to the said School and Alms-houses, for any term not exceeding forty years, with such Covenants and Conditions, and under such yearly Rent or Rents, as the said Governors and their Successors shall conceive to be most advantagious for the Charitable Uses aforesaid.

The Governors to set Leases, not exceeding forty years.

Provided alway, That the said Governors be authorized and required, to pay unto *Lambert Osboldston* Clerk, the yearly sum of one hundred pounds, out of the Profits of the Lands herein mentioned, for and during the term of his natural life.

26 Septembris, 1649.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, that this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Scobel Cler. Parliament.

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INSTRUCTION

Unto *Josias Berners, Francis Musenden Esqs; Sir William Roberts Knight, John Parcker, Henry Pit, Mathias Valentine and Robert Aldsworth Esqs.*

WHereas by an Act of Parliament, entituled, *An Act for sale of several Lands and Estates forfeited, to the Common-Wealth, for Treason*, and published the eighteenth of November 1652. the persons, body politique, or corporate, their Heirs, Successors, or Assigns, who were to have the benefit of the Saving therein expressed, were, some time before the first day of February last, to deliver in writing unto the Commissioners (appointed by an Act, entituled, *An Act for transferring the powers of the Committee for Obstruction*) or any four or more of them, a particular of his or their Right, Title, Interest, Claim, Demand, Charge, Incumbrance, or Estate, in Law or Equity, and to obtain an allowance thereof before the said Commissioners, or any four or more of them, at or before the first day of April last.

And

And whereas several claims have been delivered to the said Commissioners, which they could not determine by the said first day of *April*, you or any four or more of you are hereby authorized and required, at any time before the fifteenth day of *August* next coming, to hear and determine all such claims and causes as aforesaid, which were delivered in, by or before the said first day of *February*; whereof all persons concerned therein are to take notice, and conform themselves thereunto. Given at the Council of State at White-hall, this fifteenth day of *June*, 1653.

Thursday June 16. 1653.

At the Council of State at White-Hall, Ordered, that this Instruction be forthwith printed and published.

To: Thurloe Secr.

Thursday

Thursday June 16. 1653.

At the Council of State at White-Hall.

ORDERED,

THAT the Commissioners for removing Obstructions in the sale of the Mannours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, directed to be sold by any Act or Ordinance of Parliament, be authorized and impowerd, to summon all and every the Purchasers of any the Fee-Farm Rents, and of the Lands and Estates forfeited to the Common-Wealth, for Treason, who shall be certified by the Treasurers for the same to be in arrear for their first or second Moity, or any part thereof, and to compell the payment in of all such Moneys as are, or shall be in arrear as aforesaid, and in default of payment thereof, to sequester the Lands and Estates real and personal, of such Purchaser, until payment be made, and upon payment thereof, with Interest, since the same ought to have been paid, to discharge such Sequestration.

And that the Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners for Sequestrations in the several Counties, Towns and Cities within this Common-wealth, be hereby required and enjoyned to take care thereof, and that they likewise do observe such orders and directions

directions concerning the same, as they shall from time to time receive from the said Commissioners for removing Obstructions.

Thursday June 16. 1653.

At the Councill of State at White-Hall, Ordered, That this Order be forthwith printed and published.

Io. Thurloe Secr.

AN ORDER AND DECLARATION
 OF THE
 COUNCIL OF STATE,
 CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF
 SEVERAL CLAIMS NOW DEPENDING
 BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS FOR RE-
 MOVING OBSTRUCTIONS.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament bearing date the twelfth of October 1652. Entituled, *An Act for further empowering the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, to determine Claims,* The Commissioners named in one Act of Parliament, Entituled, *An Act for transferring the Powers of the Committees for Obstructions,* or any four of them, were Authorized and Required to hear and determine all Claims and Causes not then determined, upon Petitions formerly made to the said Commissioners, or to the late Committee of Parliament for removing Obstructions in the Sale of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by any Act or Ordinance of Parliament before that time appointed to be sold, with and under the Proviso therein mentioned and expressed; And whereas no time is limitted by the said Act for the Determination of such Claims and Causes as aforesaid, by rea-

son whereof several Persons, who have long since put in diverse Claims before the said Commissioners and Committee, do delay the prosecution of them, whereby great Obstructions are made in the sale of the said Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments: It is hereby Ordered and Declared, That the time for the hearing and determining of the Claims and Causes mentioned in the said first recited Act of Parliament, shall be until the first day of *November* next coming, and no longer; And that all persons who shall not get Allowance of their respective Interest, from the said Commissioners for removing Obstructions, by or before the first day of *November*, shall be, and are hereby barred, and concluded, for and in respect of their said Claims and Interests. Given at the Council of State at White-Hall this 16. day of *June* 1653.

Thursday June 16. 1653.

At the Councill of State at White-Hall, Ordered, That this Order and Declaration be forthwith printed and published.

Io. Thurloe Secr.

An

An Act,

Concerning the determination of several Claims, now depending before the Commissioners, for removing Obstructions.

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Hereas by an Act of Parliament, entituled, *An Act for Sale of several Lands and Estates, forfeited to the Common-wealth for Treason*, and published the 18. of December 1652. All Persons, Bodies Politique or Corporate, their Heirs, Successors, or Assigns, who were to have the benefit of the saving thereina expressed; & that had any Estate, Right, Title or Interest in or unto any the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by the said Act intended or mentioned to be put to Sale; or that hath any Statute, Judgment, Recognizance or Rent had made or acknowledged before any Treason, respectively committed by any of the persons in the said Act named, were to deliver in writing unto the Commissioners (appointed by an Act, intituled, *An Act for transferring the powers of the Committee of Obstructions*,) or any four or more of them, a particular of his or their Right, Title, Interest, Claim, Demand,

Demand, Charge, Incumbrance, or Estate in Law, or Equity: And if they should obtain an allowance thereof by the said Commissioners, before the respective times therein limited should be expired, that then the same should be good and effectual to such person or persons.

And whereas several such Claims were duly lodged with, and delivered to the said Commissioners, which they could not within the said time (nor in any time since limited) determine; Be it therefore Enacted by this present Parliament, and by the Authority of the same, that the said Commissioners, or any four or more of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and required at any time before the first day of February 1653. to hear and determine all such claimes and causes aforesaid, which were duly lodged and delivered unto the said Commissioners, and are depending before them; And that all persons who shall not get an allowance of their respective Interests from the said Commissioners, for removing Obstructions by or before the said first day of *February*, shall be and are hereby barred and concluded for and in respect of their said claims and interest, whereof all persons concerned are to take notice and conform themselves thereto.

Friday the 4. of November 1653.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen: Scobel, Clerk of the Parliament.

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AN
 ORDINANCE
 FOR THE
 Continuance and Maintenance of
 the Alms-Houses, and Alms-
 Men, called
 POOR KNIGHTS.

And other Charitable and Pious
 Uses, whereof the late *Dean* and
Canons of *Windsor* were Feoffees
 in Trust.

HIS Highness the Lord Protector being zealous to continue and establish all Works and Foundations tending to the advancement of Learning, or any other Charitable and Pious Use or Uses whatsoever; and more particularly the Charitable and Pious Work and Foundation of the Alms-Houses, and Alms-Men, called *Poor Knights*, and of certain necessary Officers, (to wit, a Minister, a Weekly Lecturer, a Register, a Chappel-clerk, a Sexton,

Sexton, a Clock-keeper and Bell-ringer, a Porter belonging to *Windsor Castle*; and also of four Scholars, whereof two in the University of *Oxford*, and two in the University of *Cambridge*, and of preaching in the said Castle and Town of *Windsor*, and relief of the poor there; in relation whereunto the late Dean and Canons of *Windsor*, were Feoffees in Trust of the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereafter expressed for the Uses aforesaid: And His Highness taking notice, That the Commons of *England* in Parliament assembled, did by the late Act for *Abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c.* and settling their Honors, Manors, Lands and Hereditaments in the actual Seisin and Possession of Sir *John Wollaston*, and other Trustees in the said Act named and their Heirs, Provide, That all and singular the Revenues, Rents, Issues, Fees, Profits, Sums of Money, and allowances whatsoever, which before the first of *December* one thousand six hundred forty one, had been, and then ought to have been paid, disposed and allowed unto, and for the maintenance of any Grammar-School or Scholars, or for or towards the reparation of any Alms-house, or for any other charitable Use, payable out of any of the said Premises, should be and continue to be paid and allowed as they were before the said first day of *December* one thousand six hundred forty one, Any thing in that Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, as in and by the said Act, amongst other things, more at large it doth and may appear: Since which Act His Highness being informed and fully satisfied, That the Lands and Tenements

nements hereafter expressed, so by the said Act vested in the said Trustees are yet still charged and chargeable with the said charitable and pious uses, with which the same were formerly chargeable; And His Highness resolving to continue, settle and establish for ever the said charitable and pious work and foundation, and likewise Governors for the better ordering, managing and disposing of the said Revenues to those charitable and pious ends and purposes, hath, by and with the consent of His Council Ordained, and it is Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lord Commissioner *Whitlock*, Lord President of the Council for the time being, *Lor i Wharton*, Colonel *Sydenham*, Colonel *Mountague*, Colonel *Mackworth*, Colonel *Jones*, *Francis Rous Esq*; Provost of *Eaton Colledg*, Major General *Skippon*, Colonel *George Fleetwood*, *Cornelius Holland*, *Symon Mayn*, Esq's; Sir *William Roberts Knight*, *Christopher Whitchcot Esq*; Sir *John Thorowgood of Kensington*, *Edward Cresset*, *William Trumbel*, *Thomas Wood*, Esq's; Doctor *Thomas Cox*, *Nicholas Lockier*, *Nathaniel Ingelo*, Fellows of *Eaton Colledge*; The Major of *Windfor* for the time being, *Matthew Day*, *William Mills*, *Thomas Chapman* Alderman of the said Town of *Windfor*, *Richard Winch*, *Alexander Hays*, Gentlemen, or any five or more of them; and such others whose usual places of habitation shall be at *New-windfor* or *Eaton*, or within thirty Miles of the same, which shall from time to time for ever hereafter be nominated and chosen in and to the places and steads of such of them as shall decease, or for just cause be removed

removed by the most part of them which then shall be **Governors**, to be and succeed in the place and places of him or them deceasing, or so being removed, shall and may be **Governor** of the said **Alms-Houses**, and of the **Members**, **Goods**, **Lands**, **Tenements**, **Revenues** and **Hereditaments** of the same, at all times for ever hereafter: And the said **Governors** and **Alms-Houses** shall for ever hereafter stand and be incorporated, established and founded in name and in deed of a **Body Politique** and **Corporate**, to have continuance for ever by the Name of *The Governors of the Alms-houses of Windsor Castle*, and that the said **Governors** may have a perpetual Succession for ever; and that they and their **Successors** may for ever hereafter have, hold and enjoy, and to all intents and purposes, & shall from henceforth and for ever stand and be actually seized and possessed of the **Structures**, **Messuages**, **Lands**, **Rents**, **Revenues**, **Profits**, **Tenements** and **Hereditaments** hereafter mentioned, The said *Act for abolishing of Deans, Deans and Chapters, &c.* or any other Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding; That is to say, The **Structures** or **Alms-Houses** called *The Poor Knights Lodging in Windsor Castle*, with all **Rooms**, **Out-yards**, **Gardens**, or any other the appurtenances thereunto belonging, in as large and ample manner, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as the said late **Dean** and **Canons**, or any person or persons claiming by, from or under them, did or might enjoy the same; and also of and in the **Several Rectories** and **Parsonages**, with all and singular their and every of their **Rights**, **Members**

bers and Appurtenances, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever hereafter expressed; that is to say, All those the Parsonages or Rectories impropriate of *St. Iermans, Upwimborn, All Saints, Wimborn, Franckfald, Shaw, Plimpton, S. Maries Plimstock, Sampford, Spyny, Plympton, Mary Brigston, Broadwinch, Ottrey, S. Mary Northam, Ipplepen, South-Mowlton and Ilfington*, lying and being in the several Counties of *Cornwal, Dorset and Devon*, some or one of them; and all that the Rectory or Parsonage impropriate of *Aberguilly* in the County of *Carmarthen*; all that Rectory or Parsonage impropriate of *Mara alias Llangarlb*, in the County of *Brecon*; and all that the Rectory of *Icorn* in the County of *Glocester*; and all that the Rectory of *East-Bedchworth* in the County of *Surrey*; and all that the Rectory or Parsonage impropriate of *Istleworth cum Twickenham*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and all that the Rectory of *Ikleton* in the County of *Cambridge*; and all that the Rectory of *Shiplake* in the County of *Oxon*; and all those the several Prebends of *Alcamings and Urshfont*, together with the Parsonage of *Urshfont*, in the County of *Wilts*, and certain Tythes belonging to the Prebend of *Bedwyn*, in the same County; and also all those the several Rectories or Parsonages impropriate of *Ambroftbury, Titcomb, Froxfield and Stapleford*, in the said County of *Wilts*, or by what other Name or Names soever the said Rectories or Parsonages and Premises respectively are called or known; together with all and every the Gleab-Lands, Tythes, Portions of

Tythes, Fruits, Profits, Emoluments and Appurtenances whatsoever, to the said several Rectories, Parsonages and Premises respectively belonging, or in any wise appertaining or accepted, reputed or taken as part, parcel or member of them or any of them, late parcel of the possessions of the late Dean and Canons of the late Kings Free-Chappel of *St. George in New Windsor*, as Feoffees in Trust for the uses aforesaid (except all such respect ve parts and parcels of any the said Rectories, Parsonages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments as have been heretofore sold by the Contractors for Sale of Deans and Chapters Lands, and for which any the Purchasers have paid in the respective first Moyeties of their Purchase Moneys) To be held for ever hereafter by the said Governors and their Successors, of His Highnes the Lord Protector and His Successors, in free and perpetual Alms, absolutely acquitted, and for ever hereafter discharged of, and from all Assessments and Taxes whatsoever, ordinary and extraordinary, heretofore granted by Parliament or otherwise, or by or upon any other pretence demanded or claimed; And that the said Governors and their Successors, by the same name, shall and may have power, and are hereby authorized to Demise and Grant any of the before-mentioned Rectories, Lands or Premises (the said Alms-Houses and places of habitation heretofore designed and used for the said *Poor Knights*, or any of the Officers or Servants to the said Alms-Houses belonging within the Castle of *New-Windsor* aforesaid

foresaid excepted) to any person or persons whatsoever, not being a Governor or Governors thereof, for or under, or not above or exceeding the Term of the twenty and one years in possession, and not in reversion; whereupon shall be yearly reserved at least three fourth parts of the true yearly value of the same, to be rated by a just Survey to be taken thereof within ten years before every such demise and grant, and to take, require and purchase, and to sue and be sued, and to do, perform and execute, all and every other lawful Act and Acts, thing and things, good, necessary, or profitable for the said incorporation, and the Charitable and pious uses aforesaid, in as full and ample manner and form, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as any other incorporation, or body politique or corporate, fully and perfectly founded and incorporated may do: And that the same Governors and their Successors for the time being, or any five or more of them, may make, have and use one Common Seal, such as they shall think fit, for the doing and confirming all and every thing and things, touching or in any wise concerning the said incorporation, or the Charitable or pious uses aforesaid, other then such Acts and things as are hereafter appointed to be done and performed by a greater number of the Governors.

And be it Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Tenant and Tenants of the said Rectories, Parsonages, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments herein before mentioned,

or any of them; and every person and persons claiming by, from or under them or any of them, shall henceforth pay the several yearly Rents, sums of Money, and other Annual Revenues and Profits arising out of the Premises respectively, unto the said Governors and their Successors, or unto such person or persons as they shall appoint in the house called *The Governors House or Lodgings in Windsor Castle, belonging to the poor Knights*, or such other place as shall be appointed by the said Governors or any nine or more of them, at such days and times as the same shall respectively become due and payable; and in default thereof, to suffer all such Forfeitures for Non-payment, as either heretofore they were, or hereafter they shall be subject to by any Covenants, Proviso's, or Agreements made between them the said Tenants, and the said late Dean and Canons, or the said Governors and their Successors.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governors and their Successors shall have, receive and take all such of the said yearly Rents and Sums of Money, and other annual Revenues and Profits as became due and payable at any time since the last payments thereof made, either to the said late Dean and Canons, or to the Parliament, or any authorized by them to receive the same, testified by their lawful Acquittances respectively; And shall and may call to accompt all and every the Tenant and Tenants of the said Lands and Premises, concerning any such Arrearages as aforesaid:

foresaid: And if any the said Tenants refuse to pay such Arrerages unto the said Governors and their Successors, or unto such person or persons as they shall appoint, Then the said Governors and their Successors, shall and may at their Election either take the aforesaid Forfeitures, or bring an action of Debt against every such Tenant or Tenants, person and persons, his and their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, in any of the Courts at *Westminster* or elsewhere, and recover the same with costs and damages; In which said last mentioned action or actions of debt, no Defendant or Defendants shall be admitted to plead any Statute or Statutes of limitations of actions, any Law, Statute or Statutes to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and their Successors, shall for ever hereafter, out of the Lands, Tenements, Rents and Revenues hereby established, maintain the said Alms-houses and the Members of every of them, and shall order, rule and govern the same, according to such Statutes as are to be found amongst the Statutes of the late Dean and Canons of *Windsor*, touching or concerning the said Alms-Houses, and other the said charitable and pious uses, or by such other Statutes, Rules and Orders, as shall at any time be conceived and made by the said Governors, or any five or more of them, under their Common Seal, for the better rule and government of the same, not being superstitious nor derogatory to the Government now established, nor repugnant

pugnant to any the standing Laws of this Nation: And the said Governors and their Successors, or any nine or more of them, are authorized and hereby enabled from time to time, to place such person or persons (as have faithfully served the Commonwealth as Commission'd Officers in the Army, and are now out of Commission, and uncapable of doing service, either by reason of age, or for want of some Limb lost in their service; provided, that since their said service done for the Commonwealth, they have not acted any thing prejudicial to the Commonwealth, nor are dis-satisfied with the present Government) in the said Alms-houses, in any place which now is, or hereafter shall be void, as they shall think most deserving: Provided always, That the Recommendation, Approbation or Consent of His Highness the now Lord Prorector during his natural Life, and his Successors, for the placing of such person or persons respectively, be first had and obtained.

And be it Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and their Successors, or any nine or more of them, shall have power to remove any that now are, or hereafter shall be Preachers in the Town and Castle of *New-Windfor*, for scandal or other just cause; and within three mon^{hs} next after any of them so removed, or after the decease of any of them, to elect in the place of him or them so removed or deceased, such able, learned and godly Preachers, as they shall think most deserving; And shall from time to time choose such fit

fit person or persons into the place or places of Register, Chappel-Clerk, Sexton, Clock-keeper and Bell-ringer, and Porter, as they shall find able and honest, when they come to make an establishment under their Common Seal: And the said Governors and their Successors, or any nine or more of them, are hereby further authorized and enabled, to make choice of four Scholars from time to time as they shall think fit, to be sent to the Universities aforesaid; And are hereby further authorized to make such allowance to the said Preachers, the said four Scholars, the said necessary Officers, and the said Alms-men, and so far to relieve and employ the poor at work, and repair the Church or Chappel in *Windsor Castle*, and the said Alms-Houses, as the Rents, Revenues and Profits any way arising from the Premises can any ways bear or be charged with.

And whereas His Highness is likewise informed, That Sir *Peter Lemier* and Sir *Francis Crane*, Knights, deceased, intended a further addition of five poor Knights or Alms-men to those formerly in *Windsor Castle*, did by their several last Wills and Testaments devise and give a certain proportion of Land and Money for the erecting of five Houses, and competent maintenance for such additional Alms-men or *Poor Knights* so to be established as aforesaid; Be it therefore Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said five Alms-men or *Poor Knights* so to be added, shall be of the Foundation, and under the Government and Rule aforesaid:

And

And the said Governors, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to call before them the Executors or Administrators, and all and every person and persons any way concerned in the execution of the Wills of Sir *Peter Lemeir* and Sir *Francis Crane* touching the Premises, and to require the same to be done and settled accordingly; and to make such Laws, Orders and Decrees for the settlement thereof, not derogatory to the Government hereby established, as are agreeable to the Wills and Intentions of the said Sir *Peter Lemeir* and Sir *Francis Crane*, and most convenient and necessary for the establishment and maintenance of the said additional Alms men or *Poor Knights*, and the same to certifie and return under the Hands and Seals of the said Governors, or any five or more of them, into the Court of *Chancery*.

And it is hereby Ordained, That the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal of *England* for the time being, shall require and inforce the due execution and performance of the said Orders and Decrees, as in other cases of charitable uses is usually done and performed,

And forasmuch as his Highness is informed and fully satisfied, That the Rectories, Parsonages Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and Premises before specified, after the expiration and determination of the several estates and terms of years now in being, may be improved over and above the present Rents and Sums of Money reserved, due or payable upon any Demise, Lease or Grant now in

in being of the Premises, which do in the whole amount unto the sum of eleven hundred eighty six pounds thirteen shillings and five pence by the year.

And for that also it is the true intent and meaning of his Highness, that the said charitable and pious uses shall be fully satisfied and performed from henceforth and for ever, out of the Rents, Issues, Revenues and profits of the Premises, His Highness hath, by and with the consent of His Council Ordained, and it is Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular the Rents, sum and sums of Money, Issues, Revenues and Profits of all and every the Rectories, Parsonages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises before mentioned, over and above the sum of eleven hundred eighty six pounds thirteen shillings and five pence, wherewith the same Premises stand charged to the charitable and pious ends and purposes aforesaid, shall be and remain from henceforth and for ever, at the onely disposition and appointment of His Highness and His Successors, to such uses, intents, and purposes as His Highness, with the Assent of His Council, shall from time to time limit and appoint, any thing in this present Ordinance contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed 2 September, 1654.

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Thursday

Thursday the 15. of February 1654.

Ordered by His Highness the Lord Protector,
and the Council, That the Ordinance [Entituled, *An Ordinance for the Continuance and Maintenance of the Alms-Houses and Alms-Men, called Poor Knights, and other Charitable and Pious Uses, whereof the late Dean and Canons of Windsor were Feoffees in Trust*] being passed by His Highness the Lord Protector, with the Consent of his Council, on Saturday the second of September, 1654, be printed and published.

Hen. Scobel Clerk of the Council.

An

An Act

For the better Ordering and Managing the Estates of Papists and Delinquents.

THE Parliament of *England* now assembled, being desirous to improve the sequestrations and the profits arising thereupon to the use of the Commonwealth, in order to some abatement of the Assessments, Do Enact and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the 20. day of *December* 1649. the Ordering, Managing, Letting, Setting and Disposing of the Estates of Papists and Delinquents shall be, and is hereby settled in the Commissioners for compounding with Delinquents, in such sort as is hereafter expressed. And that the said Commissioners for compounding shall have and exercise all such Power and Authority in and about the sequestering, ordering and disposing of such Estates as have been formerly granted by any Ordinance or Act of Parliament, for sequestrations to any Committee for sequestrations: and that the whole Rents, Revenues and profits of the said sequestrations and sequestred Estates, shall be paid into the Treasury at Goldsmiths-Hall, for the only use, intent and purpose as is aforesaid.

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And

Commissioners appointed for
sequestration.

Return to be
made to the
Commissioners
of all sequestered
persons and E-
states, and what
discharged, and
how.

And be it further Enacted, That the Committees for Sequestrations, Solicitors, Treasurers, Sequestrators, Agents, Collectors, and all others herein concerned in the several Counties and Places within this Commonwealth, shall within six weeks after notice from the said Commissioners for compounding, certifie by duplicate one part unto the said Commissioners for compounding, and the other to the said Commissioners to be appointed for sequestrations in the said several Counties and Places, the names of all and every person as well Papists as Delinquents, who are or have been sequestred, and what Estate hath been so sequestred and seised, and when, and for such as have been since discharged from sequestration, or the sequestrations taken off or suspended, either by the Committees of the respective Counties, or otherwise to certifie when, how, and by what means the same were discharged, taken off, or suspended, and for such as do still remain under sequestration, to certifie what Estates they have, and in what Towns and Parishes, and what Leases have been made of the said Estates, and to whom, and for what time, and under what rent, and what charges and incumbrances do lye upon the said Estates, and what allowances and defuciations have been made out of any such Estates, and to whom and by what order or Warrant, and what Rents and arrerages of Rent and other profits, and of the Lands or Estates of the said Papists or Delinquents do remain in the hands of any the Sequestrators, or any of their Officers or Agents, and what Rents and Profits thereof remain in the hands of any

any of the Tenants of the said Lands, which particulars shall be returned and certified in such manner and form as shall be from time to time directed by the said Commissioners for compounding.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, From Jan. 25. 1649. all Committees for sequestration to cease, and the managing of all sequestered Estates to be in the Commissioners hereby appointed.

That from and after the 25. day of *January 1649.* All Committees for sequestrations, Treasurers and Solicitors for sequestrations, and all and every person and persons employed by them, or any of them in and about the said sequestrations, or sequestred Estates, shall cease and forbear to act, in and about the said sequestrations by virtue, or colour, of any the Orders and Ordinances of sequestrations heretofore made, and shall not from henceforth let, set, sequester, seize or dispose, of the said sequestred Estates, or any part thereof, nor shall receive any Rents, or other profits of the said sequestred Estates, or any part thereof, nor shall make any wood Sales, or fell any woods, or underwoods, Timber, or Trees in or upon the same Estates, nor shall make payment or allowance of any Rents or Charges, imposed or lying upon the said sequestred Estates, but that the managing, letting, setting, disposing and ordering of the said Estates, shall be in the Commissioners for compounding, and in such persons as shall be by them from time to time nominated and appointed. And that the said Sequestrators, Treasurers, and Solicitors for sequestrations, and all other persons employed by them, and all and every the Farmers and Tenants of the said sequestred Estates, and all other persons that have any part of the Rents or other profits of the said sequestred Estates

Detainers of
 sequestred rents
 after April 10.
 1650. to for-
 feit at pleasure
 of Commissio-
 ners not exceed-
 ing a moiety.
 states in their hands, shall forthwith pay the same to
 the Treasurers of the said Treasury at Goldsmiths-
 Hall, whose acquittance shall be a sufficient dis-
 charge to the said parties so paying in the same, for
 so much as shall be so paid in by them as aforesaid,
 and if they or any of them shall make default or ne-
 glect to pay the same as aforesaid, before the first
 day of April 1653. That they, and every of them
 so making default, shall forfeit unto the Common-
 wealth so much more as the said Commissioners for
 compounding shall think fit, not exceeding the
 moiety of such moneys as shall be discovered to be
 remaining in any of their hands, or due from them
 upon accompt, to be levied upon their Lands,
 Goods, and Chattels, by order of the said Com-
 missioners for compounding. And all Committees,
 Solicitors, Sequestrators, and others appointed by
 any former Ordinance or Act of Parliament, are
 hereby required to suffer such persons as shall be ap-
 pointed Commissioners for sequestrations by the
 said Commissioners for compounding, to peruse
 their books and papers, that so they may be the
 better inable to carry on the work of sequestration
 against Delinquents: And if the said Committees,
 Solicitors, Sequestrators, or others employ'd by
 them, refuse to yeild obedience to this or any other
 matter or thing in this A& required, then the said
 Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of
 them, are hereby enabled and required to send for
 such person or persons, or otherwise to cause them
 to be kept in safe custody, until such time as they
 shall conform themselves in the premises; and shall
 pay

pay such fine as shall be imposed on them by the said Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them, so as the said fine exceed not the sum of forty pounds for any one offence.

And it is further Enacted, That the said Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them, shall nominate, substitute, and appoint under their or any seven of their hands and seals, such, and so many fit and able persons in every County, City, and place within this Common-wealth, being Inhabitants there, as have adhered to the Parliament from the beginning of the late wars until this day, to be Commissioners for sequestrations within the said several and respective Counties, Cities, and other places before mentioned, as they shall be fit, as also such other Officers and Agents as shall be necessary for the carrying on of this service, and to remove any of them as they shall see cause: which said persons so nominated, substituted, and appointed to be Commissioners for sequestrations as aforesaid, or so many of them as the Commissioners for compounding shall appoint, shall according to such Instructions and Orders, in pursuance of any Acts or Ordinances of Parliament as they shall from time to time receive from the said Commissioners for compounding, in pursuance of the said Acts and Ordinances, sequester into the hands of the Common-wealth the Estates of all Papists in Arms, and other Delinquents, and two parts in three parts to be devided of their Estates of all other Papists as are already adjudged to be Delinquents or Papists respectively, or shall by the said Commissioners for compounding

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pounding be adjudged to be such; and enter into, and survey the same Estates, and consider how the same Estates may be improved to the best advantage of the Common-wealth, and what profits may conveniently be raised by wood, sales, or otherwise, out of the said sequestred Estates; and shall certifie the same to the said Commissioners for compounding, by and according to whose order and direction, grounded upon such survey and certificate as aforesaid, the said Commissioners for sequestrations, or so many of them as the Commissioners for compounding shall appoint as aforesaid, shall or may contract for the same sequestred Estates of Delinquents and Papists in Arms, or any part thereof, to be letten to such fit and able person or persons as will give the best Rent for the same, for any term not exceeding the number of seven years in possession, for such yearly Rent as shall be agreed upon (if the Estates of such Delinquents or Papists in Arms shall so long continue) the said Rent to be paid according to the usual dayes of payment, to the said Treasurers at Goldsmiths-Hall; and the said Leases either to be made under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them, or under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners for sequestrations, as shall be appointed by order of the said Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them; and that the said Commissioners for sequestrations, or so many of them as the said Commissioners for compounding shall appoint, shall keep, or cause to be kept, Courts within the sever-

ral sequestred Mannors, and grant Copyhold Estates, according to the customs of the said Mannors, and assess and receive fines for the same Estates to be so granted, according to the customes, or to the rules to be therein prescribed by the said Commissioners for compounding; or any seven of them; which said Copyhold Estates so granted, shall be good and effectual to the Tenants so admitted, against the party sequestred, and against all clayming, by, from, or under him or his Estate: And that the said Commissioners for sequestrations shall further act in and about the premises, according to such further instructions and directions as shall be given unto them in pursuance of this Act by the said Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them, as any occasion or exigent shall require. And that the said Commissioners for sequestration shall have and retain to their own use for their salary, twelve pence in the pound of all such moneys as shall be paid by them into the Treasury at Goldsmiths-Hall, out of the profits of the said sequestred Estates in the respective Counties and places; and that the other Officers that shall be named by the said Commissioners for compounding, shall have such salary and allowance, as the said Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them shall think fit.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, that these Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them, shall have full power to receive from any person or persons who shall present the same unto them, all and every To examine all
charges and in-
cumbrances.

Act, Ordinance, or Orders of Parliament, whereby any charge is laid upon the sequestrations, or sequestred Estates of any such Papist or Delinquents; and to examine the grounds and natures of them, and to state the cause, and make special report thereof to the Parliament, for their allowance or discharge, or for their farther order and directions therein, as the Parliament shall see cause; and shall also examine all Rents, Quit-Rents, Out-rents, and Issues, that shall be pretended to be due and payable out of any such Estate, and the nature of them, as also all conveyances and assurances of, and all other charges, incumbrances, or engagements upon the said Estates, or any part thereof; and to give allowance thereof, if it shall appear that the same were *bona fide* made or charged before the cause of such sequestration committed.

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And it is further Enacted, That the said Commissioners for compounding, or any seven of them, shall have power to allow unto the wives and children of such Papists in Armes, and other Delinquents, whose Estates shall remain under sequestration by virtue of this Act, one fifth part of their said sequestred Estates for their subsistence.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Clerk of the late Committee of the Lords and Commons for sequestrations, shall forthwith certifie unto the said Commissioners for compounding, the names of all such persons whose Estates, or any part thereof having been sequestred, either for Delinquency or Recusancy, have upon their appeals had the sequestration of their Estates suspended

suspended or taken off either by the said Committees of Lords and Commons, or by the Barons of the Exchequer; and the names of all such persons as have upon their appeals been voted to be Delinquents, and to certifie the places of their abodes, and the names of all such persons as now remain before the Barons of the Exchequer upon their appeals not yet determined, and the time when the said parties appealing did present their several petitions and appeals unto the Barons of the Exchequer; and the said Barons are hereby required to take care, that certificate be made accordingly before the 25. day of February 1649. And that all such whose Estates have upon their appeals been suspended from sequestration by any order from the late Committee of Lords and Commons for sequestrations, or otherwise, whose causes shall not be determined before the first day of *March* 1649. the said suspension shall be void, and the sequestration again laid upon their Estates.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the Rents, Issues and Profits of all sequestred Estates remaining in the hands of any Committees, Treasurers, Sequestrators, Solicitors, Tenants, or other persons whatsoever, shall be accompted for, and answered unto the said Commissioners for compounding, and shall be satisfied and paid unto the said Treasurers at Goldsmiths-Hall, and not unto any other person or persons whatsoever, any other Act, Ordinance, or provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That all such persons

Delinquents
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composition.

who have been sequestred since the first day of *August 1649.* or hereafter shall be sequestred, for any Delinquency committed before the making of this Act, and all other persons who upon the prosecution of their appeals have been or shall be adjudged Delinquents, within the times herein before limited, shall upon their petitions, be admitted to composition respectively, according to the late votes of Parliament of the 14. and 21. of *March 1648.* so as they do prosecute their compositions with effect within six weeks after the publishing of this Act, or within six weeks after they shall be adjudged Delinquents as aforesaid.

The interest of receivers and tithers settled for benefit of any Minister to be good.

And it is further Enacted and Ordained, that the right Title and Interest of all such Rectories, Tithes, portions of Tithes, and other profits and advantages, as have been or hereafter shall, upon the composition of any Delinquent or Delinquents, be settled to or for the benefit of any Minister or Church by the Committee or Commissioners for compounding, shall be good and effectual to all intents and purposes, and shall be enjoyed against such Delinquent and Delinquents, and all claiming by, from, or under him or them; or by, from or under any person or persons in trust for him or them, or to his or their use, benefit, or behoof, since the cause of sequestration; and also against all and every other person and persons claiming any Estate therein, who shall not make such his Estate and claim appear unto the said Commissioners for compounding, within the time of one year after his right or title shall accrue and grow due or before

fore the first day of June 1655. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Lands of Papists that are under sequestration for Delinquency or Recusancy, as also the third part that remains to the Recusant, shall be, and hereby are discharged of and from all former fines and compositions for Recusancy, and of and from all the arrears due upon the same since the said Lands have been under sequestration; And the Barons of the Exchequer, and all others whom it may concern, are to take notice hereof.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act, nor any thing therein conteyned, doth or shall extend to the taking away of all or any the powers heretofore granted to the Committee for advance of money, commonly called the Committee of Haberdashers-Hall, provided, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to inable the said Commissioners, or any employed or to be employed by them, to sequestor the chief mansion house of any Recusant or Recusants having not been in Armes or to debarre the Lord of any Mannor or Mannors for the time being, to enter into, or upon any Copyhold Estate of any Recusant or Recusants, sequestred, or lyable to sequestration as aforesaid, or to inable the said Commissioners, or any to be employed by them as aforesaid, to make sale of, or cut down any Timber or Timber-trees growing or standing upon any part of the two parts of any Recusant or Recusants Lands or Estates sequestred, or lyable to sequestration

stration as aforesaid. Provided, that this Act shall not extend to the taking away of any power given unto any Committee by any Order, Ordinance, or Act of Parliament, for the sequestring and reining scandalous and Delinquent Ministers and School-masters, but that they shall and may execute all power and authority given unto them by such Orders, Ordinances, or Acts of Parliament in relation to the said service, any thing in this Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided that this Act continue in force for the space of two years, from the 23. day of *Januari* in the yeer of our Lord 1649. and not longer.

Die Veneris 25 Januarii 1649.

Ordered by the Parliament, that this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Seobel Cler. Parliamen.

Fryday

Fryday the 4. of February 1652.

REsolved by the Parliament, that the power formerly given to the Committee, for the Universities touching Augmentations for Maintenance of Ministers, be, and is hereby transferred and settled in the Committee for plundred Ministers.

Hen. Scobel Cler. Parliament.

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ORDINANCE
 For the better maintenance and en-
 couragement of
P R E A C H I N G M I N I S T E R S.

And for Uniting of Parishes.

WHereas many Parishes in this Nation are without the constant and powerful preaching of the Gospel, through want of competent maintenance and encouragement unto able and godly Ministers in such places: Some Parishes in regard of their smallness, and of their propinquity and neighbourhood, and the situation of their Churches or Places of meeting being very convenient to be united; and other Parishes are so populous and of so great an extent, that all the Inhabitants thereof cannot with conveniency resort to their respective Parish Churches; To the end some provision may be made herein, and the publique maintenance set apart for Ministers, and other pious uses, may be managed, improved, and distributed for the future, so as may be most for the advancement of the Gospel

Spel and encouragement of Publique Preachers in all the places of this Common-wealth: And that the augmentations granted, or which shall be granted out of the same, may be more orderly issued and certainly paid, and the Revenue not overcharged; and whereas some doubts have been made, whether the Rents, Profits & Revenues of all Rectories Im-
propriate, Appropriate, Tyths, Donatives, Obla-
tions, Obventions, First-Fruits, Tents, Pentions,
Portions of Tyths appropriate, and other things
vested and settled in the Trustees named in one Act
of Parliament, Intituled, *An Act for providing
maintenance for preaching Ministers, and other pious
uses;* and in one other Act of Parliament, Entitu-
led, *An Additional Act for providing maintenance
for Ministers, and other pious uses;* Or either of them
for the uses therein mentioned, ought not by force
of the Ordinance, Entituled, *An Ordinance for bring-
ing the publique Revenues of this Common-wealth into
one Treasury, to be paid into the Receipt of his High-
ness Exchequer.*

Be it Ordained and Declared by the Authority The Ordinance
aforesaid, That the said Ordinance, or any thing for the publick
therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed Revenue not to
to extend to any the Rents, Profits, or Revenues by extend to the
the said Acts or any, or either of them, vested in the Revenue of the
said Trustees for Trustees for
maintenance of
Ministers.

But it is hereby Ordained by the Authority afore-
said, That all and every the Rectories Impropriate, veited in the
Appropriations, Tythes appropriate, Donatives, Trusts,
Oblations, Obventions, First-Fruits, Tents, Pen-
tions, Portions of Tyths, and other the premisses

by the said Acts or either of them vested in the said Trustees, and not exposed to sale by one other Act, Intituled, *An Act for sale of the Mannors of Rectories and Gleab-lands, late belonging to the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters*, shall from henceforth be vested and settled in the possession and seisin of *William Steel Esq; Serjeant at Law, Recorder of the City of London, Sir John Thorowgood of Kensington Knight, George Cooper, Richard Young, John Pobock, Ralph Hall, Richard Sydenham, Edward Hopkins, John Humphry and Edward Cresset*, the Survivor and Survivors of them, and their heirs to the uses, and upon the Trusts in the said Acts expressed, and to such further uses as are hereafter expressed. And that they or any five or more of them shall have, use, exercise and enjoy all and every the powers and authorities by the said Acts or any, or either of them given and committed to the Trustees in the said two first recited Acts named to all intents and purposes.

And that they the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall, or may by Action, Distress, Information, or by any other lawful wayes, or means whatsoever from time to time, sue for, recover, receive, collect and gather and cause to be received, collected and gathered the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, as lawful and rightful Owners thereof in trust as aforesaid, and manage the said Revenue in such way and manner as shall be most conduceable for the carrying on of this service; and shall have the same, and the like powers for removing such Obstructions as they shall meet with, concerning

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structions.

cerning the said Revenue, that any Commissioners have for remoying Obstructions, concerning the sale of Bishops, or Dean and Chapters Lands, and to compound for all Cora rent, or other provision rent, reserved upon any Lease of any part of the premisses for any yearly rent in money.

And whereas several Delinquents, being seized, possessed, and interested of and in several Rectories, and portions of Tyths, or Impropriations respectively, have had an abatement in their Compositions in respect of them, or in lieu of so much of their composition money as amounted unto the full value thereof, did convey or agree to convey the same unto several Trustees for augmentation of Ministers maintenance in the conveyances thereof, mentioned or the same are otherwise settled and disposed of: which Trustees do many of them altogether neglect the trust in them reposed, and the said Revenue is in no part of it under any certain account.

Be it further Ordained, That all Trustees that stand seized or possessed of any Impropriate Rectories or Tyths, or any estate wherewith the same stand chargeable respectively by virtue of any such conveyance, order or agreement as aforesaid, be from henceforth devested of the possession, seisin, interest and estate, which they have in the premisses respectively by virtue of the said conveyances or any agreement, or order in that behalf, and of all Trusts concerning the same. And that the said *William Steel*, and the rest of the said Trustees hereby appointed, their Heirs, Executors, and Assigns, shall stand seized, and shall have, hold and enjoy

And vested in
the Trustees by
this Ordinance.

the said Tythes, Estates and Premisses so reserved or settled or agreed ordered to be settled, and all arrears thereof, and all Evidences and Writings concerning the same to the same uses; and they are by authority hereof vested, and possessed thereof, and of all arrears thereof upon the same trusts as they the said Trustees had or ought to have the same by virtue of the said Conveyances, Orders or Agreements respectively, and to such other uses as are hereafter expressed. And that they the said *Williams Steel*,

Trusts the same with the former Trustees, and to the uses herein after expressed.

The Trustees to possess themselves of the Delinquent grants and settle them.

All evidences to be delivered up to the Trustees on demand.

Copies of the returns of Commissioners for uniting Parishes, to be delivered to the Trustees or their Clerk.

and the rest of the aforesigned Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall enquire into and make search for the several Grants made by the said Delinquents as aforesaid, and settle the same, so as the Ministers that ought to receive the benefit and advantage thereof shall and may enjoy the same, and all arrears thereof with the least charge. And all persons employed about the contracting for and settling of the same, or in whose hands any of the said writings, or Conveyances, Counterparts, Orders, or other Writings concerning the same are, are hereby required upon the request of the said Trustees under the hands of them, or any three of them, to shew and produce as there shall be occasion, or to deliver the same to the said Trustees, or any three or more of them if the same be demanded.

And the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, are hereby authorized to send into the High Court of Chancery for the returns or for the true copies of the returns of such Commissions as have issued under the great Seal by virtue, and in pursuance of the said recited Act of Parliament, Entituled,

Ied, *An Act for providing maintenance for preaching Ministers, and other pious uses.* And the Clerk (in whose custody the same returns are) is hereby directed and required as often as he shall be thereunto required by the said Trustees, to make copies of all returns, and to deliver the same to the said Trustees, or any three or more of them, or the Clerk formerly appointed by Parliament to the said Trustees (who is hereby continued Clerk to the Trustees hereby appointed) for the service of the said Trustees.

And in case the said Trustees by this Act appointed, shall find it requisite by reason of any defect or imperfection of any return of the said Commissions and Executions thereof, or by reason of the not executing of any former Commission, or in default of the issuing forth of any such Commission, That then in every such case upon their request certified and declared under the Hands and Seals of them, or any three of them, to the Lords Commissioners for the Great Seal of *England*, wherein they are to certify the names of such persons to whom they desire the said Commission or Commissions to be directed, The said Lords Commissioners do issue forth such New Commission and Commissions, according to the former tenor, into such Countries and Places as shall be by the said Trustees so requested as aforesaid.

And it is hereby further Ordained, That all the Commissions from henceforth so to be issued as aforesaid, shall also contain in them a further additional clause, and power for the enquiring, touching Commissions to inquire values of all Ecclesiastical benefices and Par-

ing the yearly value of all Ecclesiastical livings and benefices without cure of Souls, and what person or persons do now receive the profits of the same, and for whose use, and who is the Patron thereof, within the Limits of such Counties or Cities within which they are directed to enquire, and to certify the same into the Chancery, and a Duplicate thereof unto the said Trustees or their Register, for the use of the said Trustees.

Power to unite
Parishes, with
approbation
of his Highness
and Council.

And if upon view and consideration of any of the said Returns of the said former commissions already issued and executed, or of any the commissions hereafter to be issued forth, executed or returned, the said Trustees shall find it convenient and advantagious as aforesaid, to make any Unions of two Parishes or more, into one; and the whole Ecclesiastical Revenues, Tythes and Profits belonging to the said Parishes so united, to be supplied for a Provision for one godly and pious Minister to preach in such of the said Parish Churches, where such Union shall be made, as they the said Trustees shall so judge most convenient as aforesaid: That then the said Trustees as often as they shall see cause to make any such Union, shall present the same to His Highness and His Council, upon whose approbation the said Trustees, or any five or more of them shall declare by some Instrument in writing under five or more of their Hands and Seals, That they do thereby unite such two or more Parishes into one, for the ends aforesaid, and thereby appoint where the meeting of the Inhabitants of both the said Parishes for the Publick worship of God shall be.

be, and the same instrument after being inrolled in the Court of Chancery, from and after such inrolment, the said Parishes shall stand and be consolidated and united for the purposes aforesaid, and are hereby declared & shall be from thenceforth deemed and adjudged, and taken to be consolidated and united for the better maintenance of an able and godly Minister.

Instruments for
union to be in-
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And all the said Inhabitants (living within the bounds and precincts of the said united Parishes) shall from and after such inrolment made, pay unto the Minister of the said united Parishes all their Tyths, Duties and Profits, which were before payable or belonging to the Incumbents or Curats of the said Parishes, and every or any of them; And shall likewise pay their rateable part and proportion, for the repairing and amending of such Church or Publique meeting place within the Precincts of the said union, and for all other things necessary to be had or used in or about the said Church or meeting place.

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paid to the Mi-
nisters of the
united Parishes.

Inhabitants to
bear their
shares of repair-
ing the Church.

And it is hereby further Ordained, That the Church-wardens shall be from time to time chosen for the said Parishes so united distinctly as formerly, which being so chosen shall all of them be Church Wardens of the said Church, as to the repair and necessaries of the said Church, and Duties belonging to the same.

Church War-
dens to be cho-
sen as formerly.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That where such union as aforesaid shall be made of two or more Parishes, whereof there be several Patrons, That the respective Patrons shall present

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present by turns to the avoidances thereof, the Priority wherein shall be ascertained by the said Trustees in the aforesaid Instrument. And in case either of the said Livings so to be united as aforesaid, exceed the other double or more in value. The Patron of the living of greatest value shall present twice for the others once.

Union to take place upon the next avoidance of either living. Provided, That in case it shall happen upon any union to be made as aforesaid, the said Churches so to be united shall be full of Incumbents, That the said union shall take place upon the next avoidance of either of the said Churches, or ejection or removal of either of the said Incumbents, and not before.

Parishes to continue distinct as to all other respects notwithstanding the union.

And it is hereby also Ordained, That notwithstanding any such union to be made by virtue hereof, each of the Parishes so united shall continue distinct as to all Rates, Taxes, Parochial Rites, Charges and Duties, and all other Privileges, Liberties and respects whatsoever other then what is herein before mentioned and specified.

No union of any Parish while a competent maintenance shall be advanced by any at their own charge.

Provided also, That where any person or persons shall at their own charge advance and settle a competent maintenance for the Minister of any Parish Church to be approved according to the Ordinance for approbation of Publique Preachers, there shall be no union for so long as such maintenance shall indure of any such Parish by virtue hereof.

Churches or Chappels useless, on such union to be taken down, and how the materials to be impied.

And where any such union shall be made as aforesaid, it shall be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, to cause such Church or Chappel as upon the said union shall be found useless,

useless, to be taken down, and the materials converted to a joint stock for the repairing, inlarging, and accommodating of the Church, or Publique meeting-place which shall be continued for the Inhabitants of the said Parishes, and not employed, to any other use.

And it is further Ordained, That the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, shall have power to sever and divide Parishes where they shall conceive it needful, and fix such maintenance, out of the profits of the said Church so to be divided, as they shall think fit, to be approved of by the Parliament, and in the intervals of Parliament, by his Highnes^t the Lord Protector and his Council.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That in all cases where the said Trustees shall think fit to unite two or more Parishes, so as aforesaid, whereby the maintenance shall arise to the yearly value of one hundred pounds or upwards, that in all such cases, from and after the time wherein such union and consolidation shall take effect, any Augmentation, granted to either of the places so united, or to either of the Ministers there, shall from thenceforth cease and be discharged; And where the said Trustees shall find any Augmentation granted unto any Country Parish, or to the Preacher there, which together with the yearly profits and dues belonging to the said Church shall amount unto above one hundred pounds per annum, that the said Trustees shall have power to take off so much of the said Augmentations to any Parishes where the maintenance shall by Union arise to 100 l. a year to cease.

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on, as together with the said yearly profits and dues doth exceed one hundred pounds *per annum*.

Augmentations how to be renewed and reduced.

And the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, have hereby power to review all augmentations already granted, or in as full and ample manner as the late Committee for regulating the Universities were impowered to do; and with the approbation of his Highness and the Council to allow, disallow or alter such augmentations, and to grant augmentations and allowances out of the aforesaid Revenue to such other Places, or Publique Preachers, or Schoolmasters in such Places, as they shall think fit, with the approbation of his Highness, and the Council.

Provided, That this Ordinance or any thing therein contained shall not extend to abate, diminish or discharge any augmentation of a greater value then aforesaid, already granted by his Highness, and his Council, without the consent of his Highness and his Council first declared in that behalf; nor to restrain the said Trustees from granting augmentations to Preachers in Cities and Market-towns, where there shall be cause of a greater proportion than as aforesaid.

Trustees to take an account of yearly value of the Revenue, and the charge, upon it, and how managed and employed.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that they the said Trustees, or any five or more of them do, and they are hereby authorized, to take an exact account of the yearly value of the whole Revenue hereby settled as aforesaid, as also what Leases, are yet in being, and of how long continuance, and what improvement may be made thereof

thereof upon the said Leases respectively, as also what augmentations, or annual payments or charges of any charitable pious, or other uses the premises or any of them stand charged with, and to what uses, and to cast up and compute the same; and to take care that the same be managed, and the said Profits, Rents and Revenues and all Arrears thereof, collected and gathered with least charge, and with the best advantage and security, and the payments made with least trouble to the persons concerned; and to take an account how the Rents and Profits of the Premises, vested in the aforesaid Trustees by the aforesaid Acts, have been employed and managed since the making of the said Acts, or either of them; and also to call to an account all Collectors, Receivors, and other Officers of the said Revenue, and to send for all Books of accompts, and all other books and writings needful for the effecting hereof, and examine or cause to be examined their accounts, and the moneys in their hands, or in the hands of any Tenants or others from whom the same shall appear due from time to time to be paid in; and to cause an exact account to be made up yearly of all receipts and payments; and to appoint Officers needful; and to allow fitting salaries and allowances, and all incident charges necessary for the former or future carrying on the said service; and to examine the salaries and allowances made by the Trustees, in the aforesaid Acts named, unto their Clerks, Treasurers, Collectors, Receivers, or other Officers,

To take Officers accounts yearly.

Officers Salaries.

Incident charges.

cers, and to lessen or increase their number, and allow or disallow the said Salaries or allowances if they shall see cause; and to manage the whole revenue so as may be for the best advantage of the said service.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be paid unto each of the said Trustees for the said service one hundred pounds *per annum* out of the Revenues aforesaid, to be paid half yearly by the Treasurers by warrant from the said Trustees, or any six of them.

A particular of the Revenue to be delivered into the Exchequer.

Account to be exhibited into the Exchequer the 2. Thursday in every Easter term.

Upon death of any is Trustee the Survivors to appoint more and how.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees do within four months deliver unto his Highness Court of Exchequer a particular of all the present Revenues aforesaid, and what Leases are in being, and of how long continuance, and shall yearly exhibite under the hands of them, or any five of them, into the Court of Exchequer on the second Thursday of every Easter Term, a perfect account of all the Receipts and payments out of the said Revenue.

And lastly be it Ordained, that as often as any four of the Trustees beforenamed, or the Trustees hereafter to be named, shall dye or be deceased the six surviving Trustees shall within two months next after by Feoffment, or other good assurance, settle all and singular the premisses to the use of themselves, and such other persons as the Lord Protector and His Council shall appoint upon the Trusts in and by this Ordinance expressed.

Saturday Septemb. 2. 1654.

Ordered by His Highnesse the Lord Protector and his Council, That thi. Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

Henry Scobell, Clerk of the Council.

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An Act
 AND
 DECLARATION,
 Touching several
 Acts and Ordinances
 Made since the Twentieth of *April*
 1653. and before the Third of *Sep-
 tember 1654.* and other Acts, &c.

W_Hereas since the twentieth day of *April*, one thousand six hundred fifty three, in the great Exigences and Necessities of these Nations, divers Acts and Ordinances have been made without the Consent of the People assembled in Parliament, which is not according to the Fundamental Laws of the Nations, and the rights of the people, and is not for the future to be drawn into example, yet the Actings thereupon tending to the Settlement of the Estates of several persons and families, and the peace and quiet of the Nations; Be it Enacted by His Highness the Lord Protector and this present

sent Parliamen, And it is hereby Enacted and Declared by the Authority of the same;

That one Ordinance made in the year 1653. Entituled, *An Ordinance for Repealing of several Acts and Resolves of Parliament made for, or touching the Subscribing or Taking the Engagement:*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1653. Entituled, *An Ordinance for settling and confirming of the Manors of Framlingham and Saxted in the County of Suffolk, and the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments thereunto belonging, devised by Sir Rabert Hitcham Knight, and late Serjeant at Law, to charitable uses.*

And one Ordinance also made in the same year 1653. Entituled, *an Ordinance for relief of persons that have acted in the Service of the Parliament.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance prohibiting Cock-matches.*

And also one Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance for Continning one Act of Parliament, Entituled, an Act for Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations.*

And also one other Ordinance made the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Erecting Courts Baron in Scotland.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Uniting Scotland into one Common-wealth with England.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Doubling upon, and finishing the Sale of Deans, Deans and Chapters*

ters Lands, Manors of Rectories, Gleab-lands, &c.

And one Ordinance also made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Preservation of the work of the Great Level of the Fens.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance of Explanation touching the Jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance for bringing the Publick Revenue of this Common-wealth into one Treasury.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for the further Encouragement of the Adventurers for Lands in Ireland, and of the Souldiers and other Planters there.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance against Challenges, Duels, and all Provocations thereunto.*

Also one other Ordinance made the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance Impovering the Commissioners of the Customs, and others for the better Suppressing of Drunkenness, and Prophane Cursing and Swearing in persons employed under them.*

Also one Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Indempnity to the English Protestants of the Province of Munster in Ireland.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year, 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance for the better Maintenance and Encouragement of preaching Ministers, and for uniting of Parishes.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654.

1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance to Enable such Soldiers as served the Common-wealth in the late Wars, to Exercise any Trade.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654, Entituled, *An Ordinance touching Fines.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *An ordinance for farther Doubling upon Deans and Chapters Lands.*

And also one other Ordinance made the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for admitting Protestants in Ireland to Compound.*

And one other Ordinance also made in the same year, 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for bringing several Branches of the Revenue under the managing and government of the Commissioners for the Treasury and Court of Exchequer.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for reviving and continuing an Act of Parliament for recovery and preservation of many thousand Acres of Ground in Norfolk and Suffolk, surrounded by the rage of the Sea.*

And one other Ordinance, made also in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for the taking an accompt of the Moneys received upon the Act for the better propagation and preaching of the Gospel in Wales.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the yeer 1653. Entituled, *an Ordinance touching Bills signed by the Commissioners of the Navy, to be a Warrant to the Treasurer.*

Also one other Ordinance made the same yeer 1653. Entituled, *an Ordinance for givin Charl's*

Viscount Mansfield the benefit of the Act of General Pardon and Oblivion.

And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1653. Entituled, *an Ordinance for settling Lands of the clear value of 200 l. per Annum, upon Nicholas Lockyer and his heirs.*

Also another Ordinance made in the same yeer 1653. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Charging the Judges Salaries upon the Customs.*

* And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1653. Entituled, *an Ordinance for a Tax on Ale and Beer in Edinburgh, and the parts and pendi-cles thereof.*

And one other Ordinance made in the yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for better provision for married Soldiers and old widows and orphans in Ireland.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for payment of Ar-rears due to Colonel Hewson.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Setling the re-minder of a Term in a Lease of the Rectory of Hartland, in the County of Devon, upon Mr. John Dury.*

Also another Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *An ordinance for Satisfaction of several sums of money due to Daniel Hutchenson and Michael Calsteel.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance Impowering the Commissioners for Managing Estates under Sequestration, to proceed upon an Order of Parliament of the*

the 16. day of June 1649. touching divers Engagers
in Yorkshire.

And also on other Ordinance made in the same
yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for settling Lands
to the value of 120 l. per annum in Scotland, upon
Joachim Hain and his Heirs.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same
yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance touching the Min-
ister of York, and the School called Peters-School.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same
yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for George
Ralegh, and Henry Clark, to have the benefit of the
Articles given upon the Rendition of Oxford.*

And also one other Ordinance made the same
yeer 1654. Entituled, *an ordinance for Naturalizing
Joachim Hain.*

One other Ordinance also made in the same year
1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Retification of
Grants of Lands in Scotland by the Commissioners of
Parliament, and satisfaction of some persons to whom
Lands in Scotland have been given by Order or Vote
of Parliament; and for payment of arrears due to Co-
lonel Horton.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same
yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for setting up
Lectures in Scotland.*

Also one other Ordinance made the same yeer
1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for allowing of Debts
belonging to the University of Glasgow, and the Re-
venues of the same.*

Also one other Ordinance made the same yeer
1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance touching Salaries,*

&c. of Officers in the Exchequer.

And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for S^t John Wollaston Knight, and the rest of the former Treasurers at War, and the Treasurers for Sequestrations and Compositions, to pay money upon Warrant from the Committee for the Army.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Relief of several persons in Scotland, upon whom Fines are imposed by the Ordinance of Pardon and Grace to the people of Scotland.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for payment of 600. l. to Edward Elvins of the City of Worcester.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance for Naturalization of William Haumer son of Thomas Haumer of Haumer, in the County of Flint, Baronet.*

And one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Stating the Arrears of General Monk for his Service done in Ireland, and for satisfaction of the same out of forfeited Lands of the Rebels there.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance touching the Arrears of Colonel Roger Fenwick, deceased.*

Also one other Ordinance made the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance for Seeling Lands in Ireland on Colonel Robert Hamond.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for the Granting an-*

to, and Vesting in the Mayor, Bayliffs and Burgeses of the Town of Berwick upon Tweed for ever, certain Lands and Tenements within the Bounds of the said Town, for the perpetual Repair of the Bridge there, and other Benefits of the said Town.

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance for Uniting the Rectories of Wynborn St. Giles, and Wynborn All Saints, in the County of Dorset, and to Setle the perpetual patronage of the Vicarage of Loaders upon his Highness, in recompence of his right of patronage of the said Rectory of Wymborn All Saints, which is hereby settled upon Sir Anth. Ashley-Cooper Baronet, & his heirs.*

Also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance touching Allowance of Debts and Incumbrances upon the Estate which was settled by Order of the Council of State, upon Mistress Mary Dean, Relict of General Dean, and her Children.*

And one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for payment of 3473 l. 5 s. to Francis Thompson and Henry Cannon, in recompence of their Interest in the little Park at Windsor, the Kings Meadows and Bushy-Park.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for satisfaction of the Creditors of Peter Smart deceased, out of the Remainder of Deans and Chapters Lands.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same year 1654. Entituled, *An Ordinance for Satisfaction of Henry Howard Esquire, and the Lady Anne Somerset, for Lands settled by Ordinance of Parliament on Mr. Hugh Peters.*

And

And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for admitting Sir Francis Wortley Baronet to the benefit of the Articles made upon the Rendition of Athby-de-la-Zouch.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Confirmation of the Articles made upon the Surrender of Barnstaple.*

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And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for payment of 100. l. per annum to the Lady Jane Gorges, out of the Sixpenny-Writs in Chancery.*

And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Pardonning of William Blackston of Westminster Esq;*

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And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Additional Ordinance for the*

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And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance for Reviving the Jurisdiction of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for holding Assize there.*

.. And also one other Ordinance made in the same yeer 1654. Entituled, *an Ordinance appointing who shall be Justices of Assize for the County Palatine of Lancaster.*

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And also one other Act made in the same yeer 1653. Entituled, *an explanatory additional Act for the Sale of the Remaining Fee-Farm Rents, and the finishing of that whole affair.*

And also one other Act made in the same yeer 1653. Entituled, *an Act concerning the Planters of Tobacco.*

And also one other Act made in the same yeer 1653. Entituled, *an Act for the speedy and effectual satisfaction of the Adventurers for Lands in Ireland, and of the Arrears due to the Souldiers there, and of other*

other Publick Debts, and for the encouragement of Protestants to Plant and inhabit Ireland.

And also one other Act made in the same yeer one thousand six hundred fifty and three, Entituled, *an Act impowering the Committee for the Army, to state and determine the accounts of all Officers and Soldiers and others employed by them, for Moneys by them received from the six and twentieth day of March, one thousand six hundred forty seven until the five and twentieth day of July, one thousand six hundred fifty and three.*

And also one other Act made in the year one thousand six hundred fifty three, Entituled, *an Act for regulating the making of Stuffs, in Norfolk and Norwich.*

Also another Act made in the same yeer one thousand six hundred fifty three, Entituled, *an Act to adm^t Charlot Countess Douager of Darby, to composition, and for one thousand pounds to be given to Robert Mailey, for satisfaction of his losses.*

And also one other Act made in the same yeer one thousand six hundred fifty three, Entituled, *an Act to enable Robert Peyton Esq³ and Algernon Peyton his Brother to make Sale of part of their Lands to pay their Debts.*

And also one other Act made in the same yeer one thousand six hundred fifty three, Entituled, *an Act to enable Ferdinando Earl of Huntington to sell some Lands for payment of his own debts and his Fathers, and to restrain him from making Leases of other Lands to the prejudice of his Issue.*

And also one other Act made in the same yeer

one thousand six hundred fifty three, Entituled, *an Act for sealing Land, lace of James Earl of Darby, of the yearly value of five hundred pounds upon Charls Earl of Derby and his Heirs.*

And one Ordinance made in the year one thousand six hundred fifty three, Entituled, *an Ordinance appointing Commissioners, for approbation of publicke Preachers.*

And one other Ordinance made in the year one thousand six hundred fifty four, Entituled, *an Ordinance of Pardon and Grace to the people of Scotland.*

And one other Ordinance made in the same yeer one thousand six hundred fifty four, Entituled, *an Ordinance for settling the Estates of several Persons in Scotland, in Trustees, to the uses herein expressed.*

Together with all Acts and Ordinances, touching the Customs, and the preservation thereof, and all Acts and Ordinances touching the Excise and regulating thereof; and also one clause contayned in an Order and Declaration of His Highness and the Council, dated the eighth day of February, one thousand six hundred fifty four, Entituled, *An Order and Declaration of His Highness the Lord Protector, with the advice of his Council, touching the continuance of the Duty of Excise and new Impost*, which clause beginneth with these words, *viz.* *That the several Acts and Ordinances, and Orders relating to the Excise, &c.* and continueth to the end of the said Order and Declaration; And also all Orders and Declarations of his Highness with the advice

advice of the Council, touching the duties of Customs, and Excise or new Impost in *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and the preservation thereof; and all Acts and Ordinances, and also all Orders and Declarations of his Highness the Lord Protector with the consent of the Council, relating to the Committee of the Army, and Treasurers at War: and all and every the Branches, Sentences and Words in the same severally conteyned, shall be and are hereby continued and confirmed, and shall stand and be in full force and strength, to all intents and purposes, any matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid; That so much, and such part only and no more, of one Ordinance made in the yeer one thousand six hundred fifty four, Entituled, *an Ordinance for the better support of the Universities in Scotland, and encouragement of publique Preachers there*, as concerns the better support of the Universities in *Scotland*, shall be and is hereby continued and confirmed, and shall stand and be in full force and strength.

And that one Ordinance made in the yeer one thousand six hundred fifty four, Entituled, *an Ordinance for Sale of four Forests or Chases, reserved for Collateral Security to the Souldiers*, which provides to secure the right of the State in those Lands so disposed of to the Souldiers, Be and is hereby likewise continued and confirmed, and is to stand and be in full force and strength; except all powers, given by certain instructions made by His Highness by

advice of his Council in pursuance thereof, for determining the Rights of the Proprietors and Commissioners of the said Forests, which are hereby declared Null and void. Provided nevertheless and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the persons hereafter named, be hereby constituted Commissioners respectively for the Surveying the Forests and Chales hereafter mentioned, That is to say, *Joseph Ayliffe, Thomas Skipwith, Jeremy Baynes, Adam Ayre, Esqs; James Robinson and William Mar. Gent.* for the Forest of *Sherwood*; *Robert Frank, John Kensey, Thomas Wats, Esqs; and George Sergeant Gent.* for the Forest or Chase of *Neewood*: *James Sedman, Robert Tayler, Thomas Tanner, Esqs; and John Halsey Gent.* for the Forest or Chase of *Kingwood*: *Henry Dewel, William Davys, Joseph Gammage Esq; and Richard Johnson, Gent.* for the Forest or Chase of *Ashdown and Lancaster great Park*: *John Beynton, Hugh Web Esq; Major Ralph, and Nicholas Gunton Gent.* for *Enfield Chase*; and shall proceed and Act upon such claimes as have been formerly put in before any Commissioners appointed under the great Seal of *England*, for surveying the said Forest and Chases, since the thirtieth of *August* one thousand six hundred fifty four, or upon any claimes that shall be put in before the said respective Commissioners, before the twentieth day of *July*, next ensuing, according to such instructions as shall be agreed upon in and by this present Parliament. And be it further Enacted that the Lord *Lambert, General Disbrow, Colonel Sydenham, Sir Gilbert Gerrard Knight,*

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John Trever, and Fosias Bernars, Esqs; or any four of them, be and shall be a Committee of appeal, who shall have power to Act and do in all things as in the said Instructions shall be declared.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Act made in the year one thousand six hundred fifty three, Entituled, *an Act touching Mariages and the Registering thereof, and also touching Births, and Burials, and all and every the Branches, Clauses, and words therein conteyned, except only one clause in these words following (v z.) ana no other Marriage whatsoever, within the Commonwealth of England, after the nine and twentieth of September, in the yeer of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty three, shall be held or accounted a Marriage to the Laws of England, (which is hereby declared Null and void,) shall be and is hereby continued and confirmed, and is to stand and be in full force and strength, for six Months, from and after the end of the first Session of this present Parliament.*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that one Ordinance made in the yeer one thousand six hundred fifty four, Entituled *an Ordinance for the ejection of Scandalous, Ignorant and insufficient Ministers and School-misters, be and is hereby confirmed, and continued for three yeers from and after the end of the first Session of this present Parliament.*

And one other Ordinance, Entituled, *an Ordinance for appointing Visitors for the Universities, shall be and is hereby confirmed, and continued for six months from and after the end of the first Session of this present Parliament.*

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And one other Ordinance, Entituled, *an Ordinance for the better Regulating and Limiting of the Jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery*, shall be and is hereby confirmed, and continued, and shall stand and be in full force and strength until the end of this present Parliament, and no longer.

And one Act made the twenty first day of December, one thousand six hundred forty nine, Entituled, *an Act for discharging from Imprisonment poor Prisoners unable to satisfy their Creditors*.

And also one Act made the sixth day of April, one thousand six hundred and fifty, Entituled, *an additional Act for the further ease and relief of poor prisoners*, Be and are hereby revived and continued in force for twelve moneths, from the four and twentieth day of June, one thousand six hundred fifty seven, as to such persons that are, or shall be in prison within that time.

And that one Act heretofore had and made, Entituled, *an Act for redress of Delays, and Mischiefs arising by Writs of Error, and Writs of False Judgment in several Cases*, published in print the fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord God, one thousand six hundred fifty and three, shall be, and is hereby ratified and confirmed.

And that one other Act heretofore had and made, Entituled, *an Act for the taking away Fines upon Bills, Declarations, and Original Writs*, published in print the second day of August, in the year of our Lord God, one thousand six hundred fifty and three abovesaid, shall be, and is hereby ratified and confirmed,

Provided

Provided always, that any thing in the said last mentioned Act contained, shall not extend to the taking away of any Fines or Post Fines for Alienations upon Writs of Covenant, or Writs of Entry, and other Writs.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one other Ordinance made in the yeer one thousand six hundred fifty and four, Entituled, *an Ordinance for the better rearess of the abu-
ses committed upon the River of Thames, and Waters
of Medway,* shall be, and is hereby continued and confirmed, and shall stand and be in full force and strength for the space of three yeers, from the end of this Session of Parliament, Saving the Rights of all Bodies Politick and Corporate; and of all other person and persons whatsoever.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the better and more effectual execution of the said Ordinance for *Ejecting of scandalous,
ignorant, and insufficient Ministers and School-ma-
sters,* It shall and may be lawful to and for His Highness the Lord Protector, by and with the advice of the Council, to nominate and appoint an Additional Supply of persons to be Commissioners, and of Ministers to be assistant to the said Commissioners in the several and respective Counties, who shall be and are hereby authorized and impowered for carrying on the ends of the said Ordinance to all intents and purposes, and if they had been herein particularly named.

Provided always, that all and every the Commissioners, who, in pursuance of the Ordinance before

fore mentioned, Entituled, *An Ordinance appointing Commissioners for approbation of publick Preachers*, shall hereafter in the intervals of Parliament be named or appointed, shall be afterwards approved by the next succeeding Parliament.

Provided also, that nothing contained in the Ordinance before mentioned, Entituled, *An Ordinance of Pardon and Grace to the people of Scotland*, shall be construed to impeach or invalidate any Articles granted by the Commander in chief of the Forces in *Scotland* for the time being, to any of the persons therein named or comprised, and which Articles have since been approved of by His Highness and the Council.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that on an Order made by His Highness the Lord Protector and the Council, bearing date the 13. of November, 1656. and relating to the said last mentioned Ordinance, Entituled, *An Ordinance of Pardon and Grace to the people of Scotland*; And to one other Ordinance before mentioned, Entituled, *An Ordinance for settling the Estates of several persons in Scotland in Trustees, for the uses herein expressed*, shall be, and is hereby continued and confirmed, and shall stand, and be in full force and strength.

Provided, that nothing in the said Order shall extend, or be construed to extend, to impeach the right or possession of any person or persons, of his or their Donatives, until he or they have received just satisfaction, as is expressed in the said Order: The first Moyety to be paid upon the first day of *June*,

June, one thousand six hundred fifty seven, and then, or before, security be given to the said parties, to their content and good liking, for the payment of the latter Moyety upon the first day of October next following.

Provided also, that the rest of the moneys payable by the said Order, be paid, the first Moyety, on or by the said first day of *June*, one thousand six hundred fifty seven, and the other Moyety, on or before the said first day of *October* then next following.

Provided also, that Countess of *Lothair*-
dale shall have no benefit by the said Order, unless
she shall within six moneths after the first day of
May, one thousand six hundred fifty seven, re-
lease all her Right, Title, and Interest, in any
other Lands or Estate in *Scotland*, claimed by her
by way of Jointure.

Provided also, that the Wife or Wives, or children, mentioned in the Ordinance before mentioned, Entituled, *An Ordinance for settling the Estates of several Persons in the hands of Trustees, for the uses herein expressed*; or in the other Ordinance before mentioned, Entituled, *An Ordinance of Pardon and Grace to the people of Scotland*, who are required to release their claims out of the confiscated Estates, shall have six moneths time, from and after the said first day of *May*, one thousand six hundred fifty seven, to make and give such Release; which Release shall be, and is hereby declared to be as effectual, as if the same had

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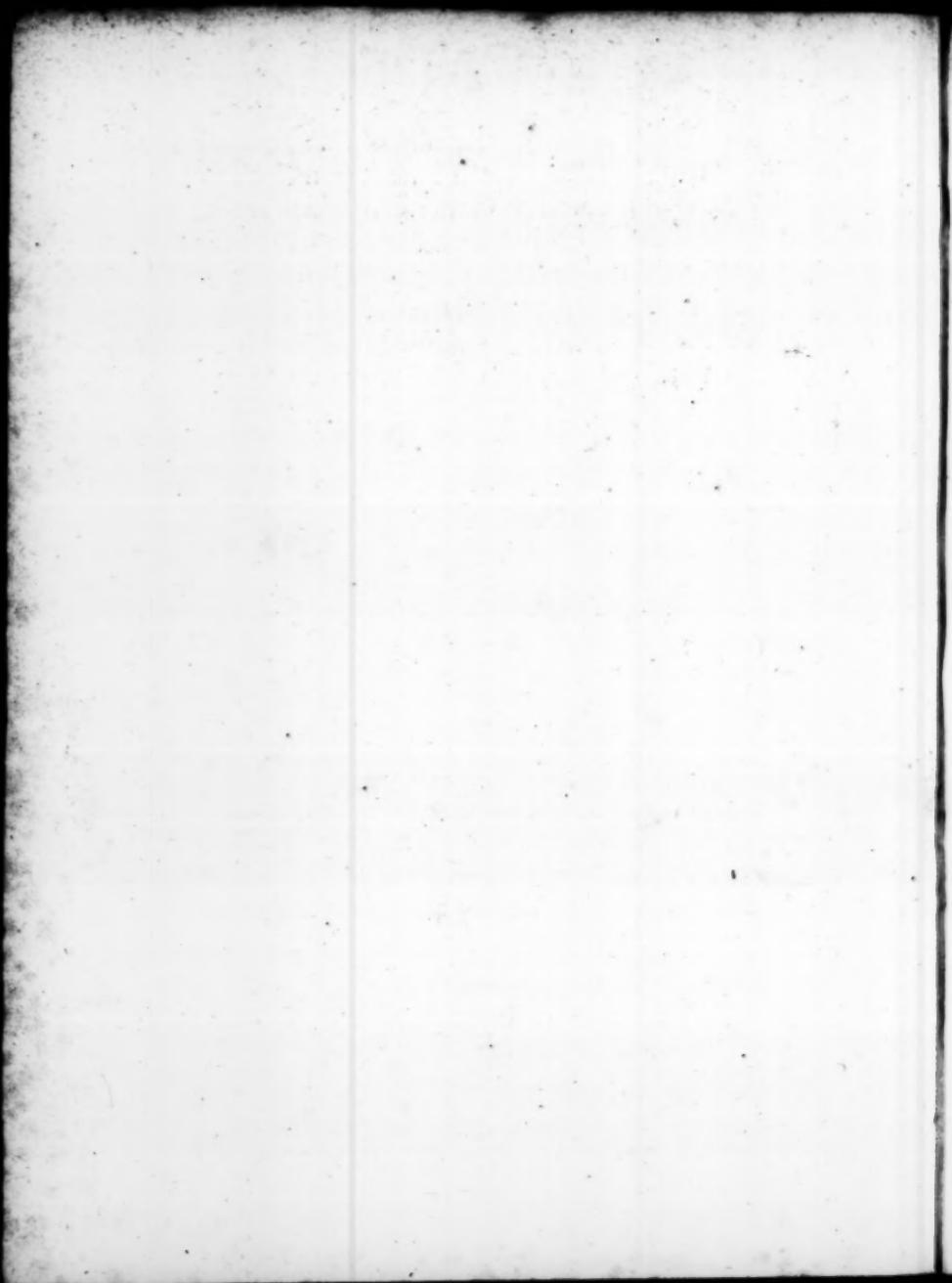
been made within the time limited for the same.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all other Acts and Ordinances, and every branch and clause therein contained, not confirmed by these presents, which have been made or passed between the twentieth day of *April*, one thousand six hundred fifty three, and the seventeenth day of *September*, one thousand six hundred fifty six, be, and they are hereby declared to be, from and after the first day of *July*, one thousand six hundred fifty seven, absolutely Null and void.

And that all Acts done or to be done, before the said first day of *July*, one thousand six hundred fifty seven, by virtue of, or in pursuance of the said Acts and Ordinances, or any of them, be, and they are hereby declared to be good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes. And all persons who have acted upon, or in the execution of any the said Acts and Ordinances, or, who have enjoyed or do enjoy any lawful advantage or privilege, by any judgement given, or Act done, by virtue of any the said Acts or Ordinances, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be for ever secured and Indemnified therein, as fully as if the said Acts and Ordinances, had been and still had continued Laws in full force and strength; any Law, Statute Usage, or other matter or thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Orders of Parliament, or either house

house of Parliament, begun at *Westminster* the third of *November*, one thousand six hundred and forty, for the granting or setting forth land upon Oath to Sir *Charls Cost*, Lieutenant General *Michael Jones*, Sir *John Reynolds*, Colonel *Jerome Sanchy*, Sir *George Aisne*, Doctor *Henry Jones*, the relict of Sir *Symon Harecourt*, and the relict of Colonel *Benjamin Blundel*, shall be and are hereby declared to stand in force to all intents and purposes.



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